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Moscow state of emergency called as rebels clash with riot police

Yeltsin sends in the tanks

Yeltsin lost control of the Moscow streets because his forces held their fire. The president must now decide whether to use massive force to crush the uprising

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin last night declared a state of emergency after a day of unprecedented violence ended with tanks from three armoured divisions rolling towards the centre of Moscow. He was also reported to be summoning paratroops to the capital to ward off a hardline pro-communist uprising.

Forces loyal to Mr Yeltsin's parliamentary opponents had earlier stormed the headquarters of the state television and press agency while hardline pro-communist demonstrators clashed with riot police in the worst political violence in the city since the 1917 revolution.

Several people were reported killed as the 13-day standoff between president and parliament erupted into vicious pitched battles. The main Ostankino television centre was attacked with rocket-propelled grenades, blowing open the main entrance, and three channels were forced off air just before the building was overrun. The Intar-Tass news agency claimed that several defenders were killed and others, including women, had been taken hostage.

Shooting continued until late into the evening with interior troops inside apparently remaining loyal to Mr Yeltsin despite megaphone appeals by the assailants to "clear out all the scum and put in those who can support the people". Five army trucks carrying about 200 flag-waving volunteers were heading from the White House parliament building to the television centre to back up the forces hostile to Mr Yeltsin. The Intar-Tass buildings were also attacked last night by armed men demanding that they be handed over to the control of Vice President Aleksandr Rutskoi.

As the violence — which began when police tried to block a rally near Gorky Park — escalated, the government issued a statement saying it was compelled to use force to quell fighting in Moscow and was banning all demonstrations in the city. "We appeal to your good sense, your feeling of responsibility for the fate of your children and those close to you," it said. "We call on you not to take part in actions which are fraught with the most tragic consequences."

In a later statement, read out on the remaining broadcasting television channel, Mr Yeltsin pledged to triumph over the hardline forces and pledged to restore order quickly. He also said he was stripping Mr Rutskoi of all offices.

Shortly before he spoke, tanks from three armoured divisions were seen moving down Leninsky Prospect towards the city centre. The divisions are under the control of the defence minister Pavel Grachev, who is loyal to Mr Yeltsin.

Radio Russia also said the president was bringing in paratroops from Tula, south of Moscow, after reports that some interior ministry troops had defected to the parliament side.

Despite the authoritative tone of the official response, the security forces had clearly lost control of the streets and the opposition's paramilitary leaders had stolen several military vehicles and stormed two key installations.

The closing down of state television robbed Mr Yeltsin of his main media platform and he did not appear yesterday, although his office said that he had returned to the Kremlin from his country residence after hearing of the developments in the capital.

Up to 10,000 protesters had broken through line after line of riot police, beating, punching and kicking officers to the ground as they shouted "Death to Yeltsin" and "Out with the fascists". Dozens of people were injured, some of them run over by trucks driven by the protesters. Two policemen and two members of the interior forces were killed — one of the policemen apparently shot in the temple by a sniper outside the parliament building.

The police, caught by surprise, were outnumbered and outfought and when they moved up water cannon, they were overwhelmed before they could be used. The triumphant crowd then stampeded through to the White House, where Mr Rutskoi emerged on the balcony urging security forces to defect to his side. "You have only seconds to change your minds and come over to the people," he said to a surge of cheering below. He then called on his supporters to storm key installations held by the presidential "usurpers of power". Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliament's chairman, also called on crowds to storm the Kremlin, declaring: "We have triumph in our sights."

Within an hour protesters overran the office of the mayor of Moscow, which has been used to billet interior troops. They smashed a commandeered military truck into the glass front of the building, the former headquarters of Comecon, and rampaged through it seizing two aides. Several employees emerged bruised and bloodied after being beaten by the assailants.

The mayor, Yuri Luzhkov, appeared on the one remaining Russian television channel to condemn "bandits" for the deaths of the policemen and troops.

Parliamentary spokesman Konstantin Zlobin later claimed that 200 of the troops had responded to appeals to defect although the scale of any transfer of loyalty was difficult to determine in the mayhem. Mr Zlobin said that some of the forces seen inside the cordon had given up their weapons and that others were prisoners of war.

Last night, President Clinton reiterated his backing for the Russian leader saying: "I am convinced that the United States must support President Yeltsin and the process of bringing round free and fair elections in Russia. We cannot afford to be in the position of wavering at this moment or backing off or giving any encouragement to people who clearly want to derail the election process."

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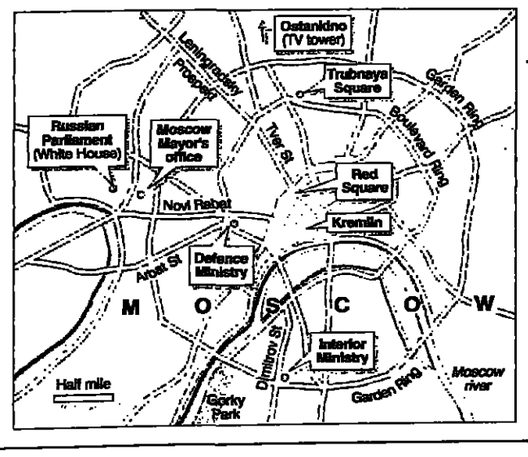


Moscow riot police run past an elderly pro-communist demonstrator after beating him to the ground yesterday

Moment of destiny

'This is the moment Mr Yeltsin's fate will begin to be decided. He is unlikely to survive any escalation of bloodshed, and Western governments will also have to do some rapid thinking on how far they are prepared to support a total clampdown in post-communist Russia.'

— Anne McElvoy reports from Moscow, page 12



Clarke warns of spending cuts deeper than expected

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

KENNETH Clarke yesterday gave an outspoken warning to the Conservative party and the country that he is to unveil a package of painful spending cuts next month.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in an unusual disclosure, declared that there was "blood all over the floor" in the cabinet committee considering what he called the toughest public spending round since 1979.

As cabinet ministers rallied behind John Major on the eve of the Conservative conference to kill off any lingering suggestion of a leadership challenge, Mr Clarke sought to preempt critics such as Norman Lamont, who have launched a week-long campaign for spending cuts rather than tax increases.

Mr Clarke said that his opponents would be the first to "howl with rage" when he set out his plans in the November budget. After refusing to back down on plans to impose VAT on fuel, despite a certain row at Blackpool, he said: "We are taking out of the plans and wishes of departments billions and billions of expenditure on the figures we have already announced."

He foreshadowed cuts in civil service numbers as a result of his public sector pay squeeze, particularly affecting civil servants "sitting at their desks who do not really have a job to do", and suggested cuts in the defence budget deeper than expected. He said that defence spending was already likely to fall by 10 to 12 per cent over the three years covered by the spending review, but questioned whether this was enough or in the right places. His subsequent reference to the United States having cut its defence budget by 20 per cent will cause alarm at the defence ministry.

Mr Clarke's decision to reveal the public spending negotiations came as ministers prepared for a difficult week in Blackpool by issuing calls for unity behind Mr Major. They took their cue from Baroness Thatcher, who has made plain that she is opposed to a challenge to the prime minister and used an interview yesterday to call for the leadership election rules under which she was deposed to be scrapped during periods of Tory government. Her suggestion was backed by the

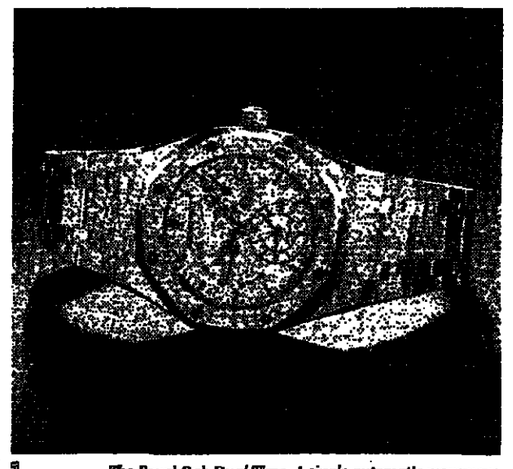
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Gazza wins a place in the literary midfield

BY ROBIN YOUNG

PAUL Gascoigne, football star and sometime versifier, is to be celebrated in poetry every bit as fancy as his footwork. Gascoigne, the Lazio midfielder who recently contributed six quatrains of doggerel entitled *Just Me* to a charity anthology, is to be the hero of a 120-page epic entitled *Gazza Agonistes*, by Ian Hamilton, to be published next month by the literary magazine *Granta*. Mr Hamilton takes his subject matter from the football field, but his intellectual inspiration from John Milton, who wrote *Samson Agonistes* in 1671.

A spokesman for *Granta* said yesterday: "Ian is a football fan and a literary critic. His work on Gazza is different from anything that has been published before."

Here is a sample:

"Swift as the lightening glance he executes
His errand on the wicked, who surprised
Lose their defence, distracted and amazed"

Gazza's own first outing as a poet, at the end of August, provoked an outcry from purists who claimed that he had committed several fouls against the laws of scansion. Supporters, though, said the player could at least claim to be better at poetry than most poets are at football.

Gascoigne composed his opus while recuperating from the knee injury he sustained in the 1991 FA Cup Final. He worked into it tributes to both his accountant, Mel Stein, and his lawyer, Leo Lazarus, emphasising how much better equipped professionally he is than most pen-pushers.

Now though, Mr Hamilton, who is writing an unauthorised biography of Gascoigne and who once said: "I was sicker than a parrot about Gazza leaving Spurs," is to make full redress for the barbs of his colleagues. Gazza, though, could surely be allowed a self-satisfied burp or two at his final emergence as poetic hero.

Jails may become mixed-sex

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

MIXED-SEX jails are being considered by Home Office officials as part of a new deal for female prisoners.

The jails, with separate male and female wings, would allow women to be dispersed around the country rather than concentrated in the 12 current women's prisons. Concern has been voiced recently that Britain's 1,500 female prisoners are suffering undue punishment because they are often held far away from their families.

The prison service has started research into ways to create a better system. Another option would lead to a network of "mini-jails" providing more open-prison places for retraining. Plans are expected to go ahead for a new women's prison in the Midlands to fill one gap in the geographic spread of places.

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Health staff haggled as woman lay helpless

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A woman aged 73 who collapsed in her home lay on the floor for four hours while the ambulance service, a doctor and social workers haggled over who was going to pay £3.25 a mile to take her to a nursing home.

Ambulance staff twice refused a doctor's request to transport the woman free of charge. Relatives were told that they, too, would have to pay £3.25 a mile each if they wanted to travel with her. It was only after Kent social services finally agreed to pick up the bill that the woman, who fell after her legs "gave out", was taken to a nursing home.

In a Kent County Council internal memo on the case, the social worker who authorised the payment said he advised the relatives to follow in their car to reduce the cost. He said he agreed to pay the charge "because by this time the woman had been on the floor for a considerable time and I felt that the issue of payment should not prevent her admission". The woman's GP said she did not need to go to hospital and referred her to the nursing home, but the ambulance service interpreted this as a non-clinical use of their services and demanded payment.

The Association of County Councils' social services committee, which will discuss the case next week, is to demand a ruling from Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, on ambulance services charging fares. Social service directors say the woman, who is still having health checks following the fall, is the latest in a number of cases of people caught out by new charging schemes introduced since April 1.

Although transport to hospital remains free, services in at least six counties, including Berkshire, Northumberland and West Sussex, are imposing the charges for other journeys, according to the association.

Tories divided over rules on leadership

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

■ Baroness Thatcher's call for the party's election system to be changed was welcomed by ministers but opposed by backbenchers

BARONESS Thatcher's call for the scrapping of the Tory party leadership election rules that led to her overthrow in 1990 provoked a split between the cabinet and Tory backbenchers yesterday.

The idea, which would in effect mean a return to the "magic circle" under which Tory leaders "emerged" rather than being elected, was enthusiastically backed by Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, and senior cabinet ministers.

But key members of the executive of the Tory backbench 1922 committee, which is responsible for the running of leadership elections, suggested that changes were unlikely in the foreseeable future.

Ending the application of the rules during a period of government, as Lady Thatcher suggested, would mean that the old system could return. Until Edward Heath's election in 1965, Conservative leaders surfaced after soundings among cabinet ministers and party elders. Sir Alec Douglas-Home was, in October 1963, the last prime minister to be chosen by such a method.

Lady Thatcher, interviewed in *The Sunday Times*, urged the Conservatives to make it impossible for a serving prime minister to be ditched in the way she was. In remarks that confirmed her continuing bitterness at the manner of her removal she said: "Being prime minister is something much bigger than being leader of a party. It's being prime minister of a nation."

Her comments were clearly intended to be a gesture of support for Mr Major, in contrast to previous criticisms of his record, because she fears that the rules undermine his and the government's authority. They were welcomed in that spirit by Sir Norman, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and David Hunt, the employment secretary.

Lady Thatcher suggested that the prime ministership should not be determined by rules that were created for a party in opposition. "I think the existence of them can actually destabilise the government of the day — the party really must think again."

However, members of the 1922 executive were cool about the idea. One said: "It would look as if we were changing the rules of the game purely to protect John Major — it would be counter-productive."

Under the rules that existed for the two challenges to Lady Thatcher, a contender needed only to find a proposer and seconder to throw their hat into the ring. This led to the "stalking-horse" challenge to her by Sir Anthony Meyer in 1989, widely seen as the beginning of the end for her.

Since Mr Major's election the rules have been revised. Under them, a contest can be triggered if 10 per cent of the parliamentary party — at the moment, 34 MPs — write to Sir Marcus Fox, the 1922 chairman, within 14 days of the start of the parliamentary session calling for an election.

Sir Marcus said yesterday that he would be very wary of the idea of changing the rules again so soon. "Obviously if proposals are put to the executive we will look at them with an open mind, but I have had no pressure for this. I have faith in the good sense of our backbenchers, and 34 is quite a high threshold."

Sir Marcus said: "All my instincts tell me we should leave well alone at the moment."

Another executive member saw little point in making the change. "I think the day of the stalking-horse is over in any case. I would guess that in future changes at the top will come about through resignation, cabinet revolt or a return to the old magic circle."

However, Sir Norman said he was strongly in favour of the kind of suggestion put forward by Lady Thatcher. "I don't think anyone could be happy with the way that the Thatcher years came to an end in 1990." Mr Hunt said he had sympathy with the idea. Mr Hurd also supported her, saying a prime minister should be challenged in parliament or at the polls.

□ Membership of the Tory party has fallen to 500,000 since its 1952 peak of 2.8 million, according to a study by Dr Stuart Ball of Leicester University's history department.

Dr Ball said it was hard to see how any party chairman could reverse a trend which was "the result of wider and irreversible changes in our national life and culture". The decline was likely to continue, he said. The membership was elderly and there was now a wider choice than ever in recreation and voluntary work.

Conservative right appeals for unity and no tax rises

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

THE Tory right yesterday combined a plea for party unity with a warning to John Major against tax increases in the November budget.

An editorial in *Forward*, the magazine of the Thatcherite Conservative Way Forward pressure group, urges Mr Major to rule out income tax increases in his conference speech. Such a pledge "would work wonders for party morale", it says.

Party officials should refrain from "recriminations and witch-hunts" in Blackpool and set a course for political recovery, it adds.

The editorial advice follows a letter to newspapers last week from Sir George Gardiner, chairman of the 92 Group of right-wing Tory MPs and editor of *Forward*, ruling out a leadership contest this year, and a call to party dissidents from Lady Thatcher to support her successor.

The editorial says the conference "must not be dominated by gloom and doom", and should not make a scapegoat of Mr Major for the party's problems. However, the magazine makes it clear that the temporary ceasefire will not extend to a "Stalinist" stifling of debate in Blackpool.

Any attempts to vet conference speakers to ensure only views supportive of the leadership are expressed from the rostrum would be highly damaging to the party, it says.

It also advises Mr Major to stop denigrating the achievements of the Thatcher governments. "Disparaging the 1980s as a 'golden age that never was' is not helpful," it says, referring to comments made by Mr Major in a recorded informal conversation with a television interviewer.

Another article in the magazine, written by Norman Lamont, fires a more ominous warning shot across the prime minister's bows by advising the government to attack the £50-billion deficit through public spending cuts. "We were not re-elected to raise taxes," he says.

The former Chancellor adds that there was "nothing sacrosanct" about the spending targets set by the cabinet, and that the coming session of Parliament was the last in which the government could take tough measures in time for the benefit to be felt by the next election.

His words came in direct contradiction to the prescription from the left-of-centre Tory Reform Group (TRG), which in a paper released yesterday advocates "further modest tax increases" to tackle the deficit and warns that "difficult and inadvisable" cuts in public spending should be avoided.

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KIPPA MATTHEWS



The actresses Fiona Fullerton and Jemma Redgrave joined a march yesterday against the closure of Royal Marsden cancer hospital. The protest was organised by former patients, who have also collected 400,000 names on a petition. The hospital was recommended for closure in a rationalisation of London's health care

University class sizes increased

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

UNIVERSITIES have had to cut spending on libraries and increase the size of classes in popular subjects to cope with a continuing squeeze on their budgets.

Figures published today show library budgets failing to keep pace with inflation over the past seven years. Staffing levels in some departments are approaching those in secondary schools.

The statistics from the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals cover only the traditional universities. Staffing and library spending are considerably lower in the new universities and colleges of higher education.

In clinical dentistry and medicine there were fewer than five students per academic last year. Medical courses at the University of Wales College of Medicine and at Nottingham, London, Leicester and Cambridge universities had fewer than four students per member of staff.

Arts and social science subjects had much less favourable staffing levels. In law and accountancy there were more than 20 students to each academic, with some universities registering well above the average. City University and Queen Mary and Westfield College, London, had more than 30 law students per member of staff. Queen's University, Belfast, had a 40:1 student-staff ratio in accountancy.

Until recently, universities aimed to have one academic for every 10-12 students in most subjects.

BBC seeks new image for current affairs shows

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC is to reshape its entire current affairs output in an effort to attract a bigger and broader audience.

Research by the corporation showed that programmes such as *Panorama*, *Assignment*, *Public Eye* and *On the Record* were alienating large sections of the population.

Tony Hall, managing director of news and current affairs, said such programmes appeared to cater for only older viewers in the ABC1 socio-economic groups in southern England. "If we want to make an argument for keeping the television licence fee as the main form of funding for the BBC, then we will have to broaden our appeal and show that everybody gets something from the BBC. It will inevitably involve taking risks," he said.

The BBC is in the midst of negotiations with the government about the level of the licence fee and the renewal of its royal charter, which expires in 1996. The corporation needs to show that its programmes appeal to everybody and therefore warrant a universal licence fee.

The need for a more competitive approach to factual progamming was underlined by Bob Phillis, the BBC's deputy director-general, who this weekend suggested that the corporation would even be prepared to move the main evening news from 9pm. He added that there were no immediate plans to do so.

Samir Shah, editor of the BBC's weekly current affairs programmes, said it was widely recognised that many current affairs programmes were too remote from large numbers of viewers. "There is a range of stories that we just do not cover at the moment. We do not reach some groups of the audience as well as others," he said.

Although *Panorama* has opened the autumn season with a string of critically acclaimed programmes, it is not attracting big audiences. The changes to *Panorama*, Britain's longest-running current affairs programme, will include a move away from foreign stories to more domestic reporting. There will also be more stories appealing to younger viewers. Stylistic alterations are likely to mean fewer studio scenes and a less didactic approach.

Mr Shah said the corporation would also be experimenting with scheduling, starting with *Public Eye* on BBC2. A shortened version of the weekly programme will be shown every day in the week running up to the Budget.

The next step will be the creation of a 30-minute early evening news magazine programme, to be shown once a week, modelled on *Nationwide* which ended in 1983.

□ Nick Clarke, who has worked for BBC Radio 4's *The World at One* for four years, is to replace James Naughtie as the main presenter when Naughtie moves to the morning show *Today*.

Chancellor warns of deep cuts

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cabinet but opposed by Tory backbenchers.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said that the government had to stick to its policy on VAT on fuel. "If we abandoned it, then confidence that we were capable of gripping the economic situation would begin to go down the plughole." But he appealed for calm, saying: "I hope the conference will show quite clearly that here is a government getting on with its job in an effective way. Crisis over."

He said on the BBC1 programme *On the Record* that the Tories could not afford "continual bickering". The prime minister had exactly the right gifts for the phase the party had entered. "I can't think of anybody who would be better."

The Tory right is trying to contribute to the calls for unity by suggesting that Mr Major should not be made a scapegoat. But it was become increasingly clear yesterday that its support is conditional upon him pursuing policies favoured by the right.

Lord Tebbit, the former Tory chairman, told him to get back to the policies that led to four election victories. A leadership challenge this autumn would be "daft", so Mr Major should "say what he really believes and get stuck in". Asked, however, about a contest next year, Lord Tebbit replied: "What can happen in the future, Lord knows."

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Cardinal calms fears over encyclical

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CARDINAL Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, attempted yesterday to assuage fears about the Pope's new encyclical *Veritatis Splendor*, which condemns a catalogue of sexual and other evils.

In a pastoral letter read out in Roman Catholic churches across England and Wales, Cardinal Hume said the encyclical, to be published tomorrow, was addressed to Catholic bishops worldwide "to help us give moral guidance to the Catholic community". "The encyclical is clear that objective moral principles still stand, and morality cannot be based solely on circumstances nor on intentions, no matter how compelling their influence may seem to be," he said.

The letter, signed by Cardinal Hume and Archbishop Derek Worlock, said "premature press reports" had given some people a false impression. *The Times* was the first to carry extracts.

Cardinal Hume said: "It is about the moral teaching of the church and about present-day attitudes to right and wrong." The encyclical did not change the church's stance on contraception, but set out clearly "the principles which underpin all Catholic moral teaching and which clearly are also important to many people today who do not share our faith".

He did not comment on the authoritarian tone of the document, but said: "As Christians, we are called to witness to the gospel in our world which seems increasingly doubtful about the permanence of truth and moral values. The complexities of life today frequently add to our difficulty in making decisions about right and wrong. It is here that the teaching authority of the church comes to our help."

Veritatis Splendor was "timely because there is widespread concern today about the loss of moral values", he said. "It indicates the need to be able to recognise that there are some situations and actions which are right and some which are wrong. The Pope reminds us then that there are actions which objectively are good or evil in themselves."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Dublin hopeful over Hume-Adams talks

Dick Spring, the deputy Irish prime minister, spoke yesterday of an air of expectation over moves towards a settlement in Northern Ireland. He said the talks between John Hume, the SDLP leader, and Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein president, were "hopefully another part of the jigsaw".

Mr Spring and Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, are to be briefed on the outcome of the SDLP-Sinn Fein exchanges by Mr Hume this week. Mr Spring spoke in detail on Northern Ireland last week in an address to the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York, when he rejected suggestions that the problem could not be solved.

He said yesterday there was a new reality dawning "that we must all make the effort to bring about an end to the violence. Mr Hume is trying to bring about peace in Northern Ireland and should be afforded the opportunity of making his presentation to the government."

Anti-racists march

More than a thousand anti-racist demonstrators marched through the East End of London yesterday as part of continuing protests against the British National Party. Tension in the area has been rising since the attack on Quaddus Ali, 17, last month and the election of Derek Beackon, a BNP member, as a councillor. A group called the Guardian Asians was launched yesterday to help victims of racial attacks. The group, which includes blacks and whites, has spent a month learning the law, psychology and martial arts techniques.

Patten backs an A-plus

A starred A-grade could be used to judge the top candidates at A level, subject to a schools inspectorate enquiry ordered by John Patten, the education secretary. Mr Patten has asked for an investigation into the possibility of dividing the top grade after seeing A-level pass rates rise again this year. Only 12 per cent of A-level entries reach the top grade, but the proportion has been rising steadily. The education department said yesterday that the enquiry did not reflect any concern about standards, but Mr Patten was anxious to ensure that merit was recognised at the top of the scale.

BSI tests riding hats

New recommended safety standards for riding hats are to be drawn up by the end of the year. John Firth, consultant neurologist at the Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, who is heading the review by the British Standards Institute, says specifications for the new hats will be ready by the end of December. There has been increasing concern in recent months about the safety of hats: 87 people a day are taken to hospital after accidents involving horses, a third of them with injuries to the head and face. Riding is now considered the most dangerous sport after swimming.

Bogus lawyers' con trick

A gang of criminals posing as solicitors has tricked more than a dozen companies into supplying computer equipment worth about £100,000. An organisation calling itself the Duty Solicitors Association, with an address in Liverpool, faxed orders to computer companies, promising payment by a magistrates' clerk within 14 days. Police have recovered a number of computers and accessories after raiding an address in Liverpool given at the top of a faxed order sheet. Three men have been questioned and released on bail.

99-year-old robbed

A 99-year-old woman was dragged round her house by a gang who ransacked her home yesterday. Detectives said they were "sickened and amazed" by what had happened. The woman, who lives alone in Benwell, Newcastle upon Tyne, and is deaf with poor eyesight, answered her front door and was pushed back into the house. She was dragged from room to room as the men searched for valuables. The gang carried off her Victorian sideboard and an antique tea set to a van. Police believe there must have been witnesses because the robbery was carried out in daylight.

IRA bomb clue released



Police yesterday released an artist's impression, left, of a man they want to question about four IRA explosions in northwest London early on Saturday morning in which four people were injured. He was wearing a distinctive duffle coat-type garment with four large yellow horizontal bands across the front. Chief Supt Tony Buchanan said that police were given only six minutes to clear the area.

Laying down the law

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, has launched a £3.5 million appeal for a National Museum of Law in Nottingham. To be housed in the former Shire Halls, the museum has the backing of the Bar Council, Law Society and both city universities. It would feature a whipping post, a life-sized gallows and convicts' deportation cells.

Pilot killed in crash

A pilot was killed and his passenger seriously injured yesterday after their light aircraft crashed in a field while taking off from Askerswell near Bridport, Dorset. The passenger, aged 23, is seriously ill with head injuries at Weymouth and District Hospital. Police have not issued names of the two men.

Face from the past

A museum is hoping to use the latest forensic science techniques to reconstruct the face of a woman who died more than 2,000 years ago. Scientists will work from a skull at Gloucester Museum, believed to be of a princess who died in about 25AD. A well-preserved mirror and two male skeletons were found with the woman's remains.

Car park rapist sought

Police are hunting a tattooed club-goer who raped a woman in a car park in southeast London on Saturday morning. The woman, 32, was befriended by two men at a West End nightclub and taken to a flat in Lambeth. She accepted an offer of a lift home later from one of the men and was raped as they reached his vehicle in the car park.

Major's son injured

John Major's son was taken to hospital yesterday with a suspected broken ankle after playing football. James Major, 18, collapsed after a tackle playing for his local village side in Cambridgeshire. No details were available from hospital staff. He was due to start work as a trainee manager with Marks & Spencer today.

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Former minister may seek peerage amid doubts over Manila boy's claim

Bigamy allegation revives tussle for Moynihan title

BY ANDREW PIERCE

COLIN Moynihan, the former sports minister, could become the fourth Lord Moynihan. One of the trustees of the late peer's disputed estate has switched sides to endorse the former MP's claim.

Charles Vance, the brother-in-law of Lord Moynihan, who died in November 1991, is expected to contact the Clerk of the Committee of Privileges in the House of Lords this week with fresh evidence over the inheritance. The information will inaugurate a long and expensive legal battle.

Colin Moynihan was the peer's half-brother. In January 1992, Mr Vance sent a written submission to the Lords supporting the claim to the hereditary title of Daniel, the two-year-old son of Jinna Sabiaga, 28, a Filipino former hotel receptionist whom Lord Moynihan took as his fifth wife.

Mr Vance, a theatre producer, publicly backed Daniel after obtaining from the British consul in Manila documentary evidence apparently authenticating Moynihan's marriage to Jinna. Mr Vance passed the documents to *The Times*. He has apparently changed his mind after being shown further documents by a Sunday newspaper which allegedly show that the late peer was a bigamist who faked his divorce from his fourth wife. If that proves to be the case, it may make Daniel illegitimate and negate his claim.

Jinna, who met Lord Moynihan when he was running a massage parlour, learnt of the development when she was contacted by *The Times* last night at the home she shared with him in Alabang Hills, Manila. She said: "I don't believe it. It is not true he was a bigamist. Daniel is and remains the rightful son and heir. It was the wish of his father. It was always my husband's wish that we would live in England. It is still my intention to do so. This is not over."

Colin Moynihan had always said as an MP that if the peerage fell to him he would renounce it to continue his political career. Since losing his seat at the last election, he may take a different view. Mr Moynihan, who is pursuing a career in the City, has already removed his name from the list of Conservative candidates. A peerage would enable him to return to ministerial office in the Lords.

His mother June said last night: "I have not been able to speak to Colin about this because he has been away in Scotland. I don't even know if he knows. I have no idea what he will make of it."

Lord Moynihan once ran a nightclub in Spain, arranged a belly-dancing tour of Asia by Jinna, twice fled Britain to escape prosecution, was implicated in a series of drugs and tax-evasion scandals and ended up running the massage parlour in Manila. He died aged 55.

Daniel's birth certificate states that he was born on January 12, 1991, at Manila Medical Centre, giving the father as the Lord Moynihan of Leeds ("Occupation: peer of the realm") and the mother as Jinna, the Lady Moynihan. A further complication arose with a rival claim by Moynihan's fourth wife Editha, who runs the Flamingo massage parlour in Manila. She says that her son Andrew, is the heir. But Mr Vance told *The Times* last year: "Tony was not the father. He had himself genetically tested and the results are in a Harley Street clinic."

Daniel and his mother flew to Britain last year and stayed with the family of Lord Moynihan's eldest sister Imogen. Mr Vance said at the time: "The boy will go to prep school and boarding school here. After all, he is a peer of the realm."

Jinna, who has a degree in business administration, has closed the massage parlour and runs a sales business from her home. "I am very unhappy about this," she said. "It is still my dream to see our son speaking in the House of Lords. I can and will fight to prove the truth about my son and marriage."

If, as expected, Mr Vance notifies the authorities of his new opinion, all the competing claims will have to be examined. The Lord Chancellor, with the home secretary, will decide if further investigation is needed. If it is, four law lords and other peers will be formed into a committee to examine the conflicting views. The procedure is expensive, requiring counsel versed in constitutional law.

JULIAN HERBERT



Daniel, whose claim to the peerage is being challenged, with his mother Jinna

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Tickets cost £30, which includes a copy of *The Downing Street Years* (HarperCollins, £25).

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Solicitors hunt heirs of £8m will

BY ROBIN YOUNG

SOLICITORS are seeking relatives of a 97-year-old woman who died, leaving more than £8 million in her will.

Nancy Platt, who was unmarried and had been housebound for years, died in April at her home in Harpsden, Oxfordshire. Her will leaves almost £250,000 to national charities but the bulk of her £8.21 million estate has been left for the solicitors acting as executors to distribute among any surviving relatives. If none is found, the money may revert to the Treasury.

The vicar of Harpsden, the Rev David Salt, said: "We all knew she was going to leave a lot of money but no one knew quite how much or where it would be going."

Ernie Howard, 67, a retired farmworker living in Harpsden, said: "To my knowledge, there are no surviving direct relatives. Her sister died about 20 years ago."

Miss Platt, who came from a Lancashire cotton mill family, had lived in Harpsden for 50 years, selling Harpsden Hill House and a 100-acre estate when her health deteriorated after the death of her sister. She had recently been living in a converted farmworker's cottage on the edge of the estate.

She also employed gardener Derek Chivers and his wife Diane as house-keeper, who have been left an £80,000 cottage in the will.

Luvvies enjoy night out at left's expense

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

IT WAS a night for the luvvies but not the lefties. The premiere of David Hare's new play *The Absence of War*, an unflattering portrait of Labour's 1992 election campaign, was notable not only for its rapturous ovation, but for the absence of politicians.

While the British theatrical establishment gushed praise for Hare at Saturday's first night, the Labour party whispered betrayal. "It was absolutely marvellous," said Sir Peter Hall. "The best approach to putting politicians on the stage I have ever seen."

Former aides who stayed away said: "Neil Kinnock is furious. He feels let down."

"I am as high as a kite," said Miriam Stoppard, former wife of playwright Tom Stoppard, who had spent the day at the National Theatre watching the complete Hare trilogy on the British establishment. "We are totally behind what David Hare is doing; the audience is completely engaged in it."

John Cleese, whose politics are more social democrat than socialist, could be seen smiling throughout, while Michael Ignatieff, shortlisted for the Booker Prize, was observed quietly chuckling.

But the Labour party is seething. Talk at the party conference in Brighton last week was that the playwright's access to inner circles during Labour's election campaign had backfired. Many are shocked at how Hare portrays an isolated and rambling party leader.

Others are more worried about Hare's forthcoming book, *Asking Around*. Based on material collected during research for the trilogy (*Racing Demon*, *Murmuring Judges*, *The Absence of War*), the book is anticipated with horror. Some Kinnock aides have asked for controversial passages to be taken out.

The playwright left for Paris yesterday, perhaps to watch the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. More socialite than socialist, came the cry from Labour circles. But the audience at Saturday's premiere loved him for it.



Hare: whispers of betrayal from Labour

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Rovers return as buyers put money-back offer to the test

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

HUNDREDS of car-buyers have returned new Rovers to the showroom, availing themselves of the manufacturer's "no-quibble" guarantee to take back vehicles.

Following the example of Rover customers in television commercials, one of whom finds the car is too big for his garage and the other whose partner has already bought her a car as a surprise present, 473 new owners have returned their vehicles. Cars must be taken back to the dealer within 30 days and with fewer than 1,000 miles on the clock.

In a scene reminiscent of the advertisement, one man changed his executive Rover 800 for the smaller Rover 400 saloon after finding that it would not fit through the gate posts of his drive. Another man swapped his Mini for the roomier Metro after his elderly mother found it difficult to climb in and out.

A woman returned her bright-red Metro Rio because she claimed that her dogs did not like the colour and it made them bark while they were inside the car.

Just more than half of the customers who brought back cars changed them for different models; the others were given their money back.

Rover regards the marketing campaign as a success. "The take-up rate has been about 1 per cent," a spokeswoman said. "Since the scheme was launched, 47,300 cars have been sold to customers eligible for the guarantee deal. Vehicles returned are sold as secondhand."

Ford has been running a similar scheme, although only for cars that have persistent mechanical faults. Such schemes may cause problems in the future, however. Researchers at CAP Black Book, analysts of the used car industry, said: "These unwanted vehicles are being disposed of via closed auctions or are being kept within the dealer network. Prices seem to be initially fairly strong but will this continue as the schemes become more popular?

"Are dealers, or indeed retail customers, going to be happy to pay strong money for cars with a previous owner who was less than happy with it for some reason or other."

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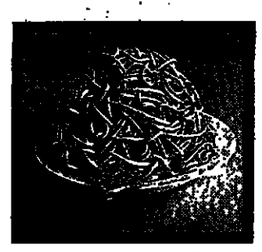
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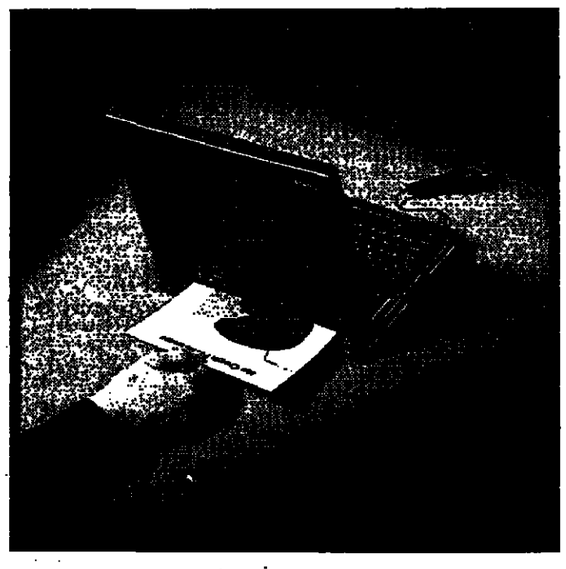
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Beaten but unbowed, hardened veterans of Twyford Down stand firm in east London

Road rebels train sights on M11 link

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

LIKE survivors of a scattered army, the Dongas tribe have pitched camp in east London to wage another battle against John MacGregor, the transport secretary.

Bruised after defeat at Twyford Down, where their efforts to disrupt the M3 link led to seven protesters being jailed, their fervour is now directed against an M11 extension through Wanstead and Leytonstone.

Years ago, the young zealots would have been in the forefront of the CND or anti-Vietnam protests. They have found a new outrage in the government's road-building, which they say destroys the land and pollutes the air.

As though programmed by computer, they are all able to recite by heart the number of sites of special scientific interest threatened by development. For them, every tree, badger, vole and mole is more precious than a single yard of motorway. All of them speak of "rape" and "outrage" and heritage and the human condition. They are the self-appointed guardians of the environment.

The accents of the ragamuffin army indicate they have gathered from all over Britain but while they are pleased to talk to anyone, they usually refuse to give their surnames.

In spite of these precautions, Rebecca Lush, 22, who was imprisoned after protests at Twyford, has become the first of the M11 opponents to be arrested, charged with causing a breach of the peace.

Recebba, who has abandoned her Bristol University studies, said: "The money should be invested in public transport to reduce the pollution that is giving children asthma and ruining the environment."

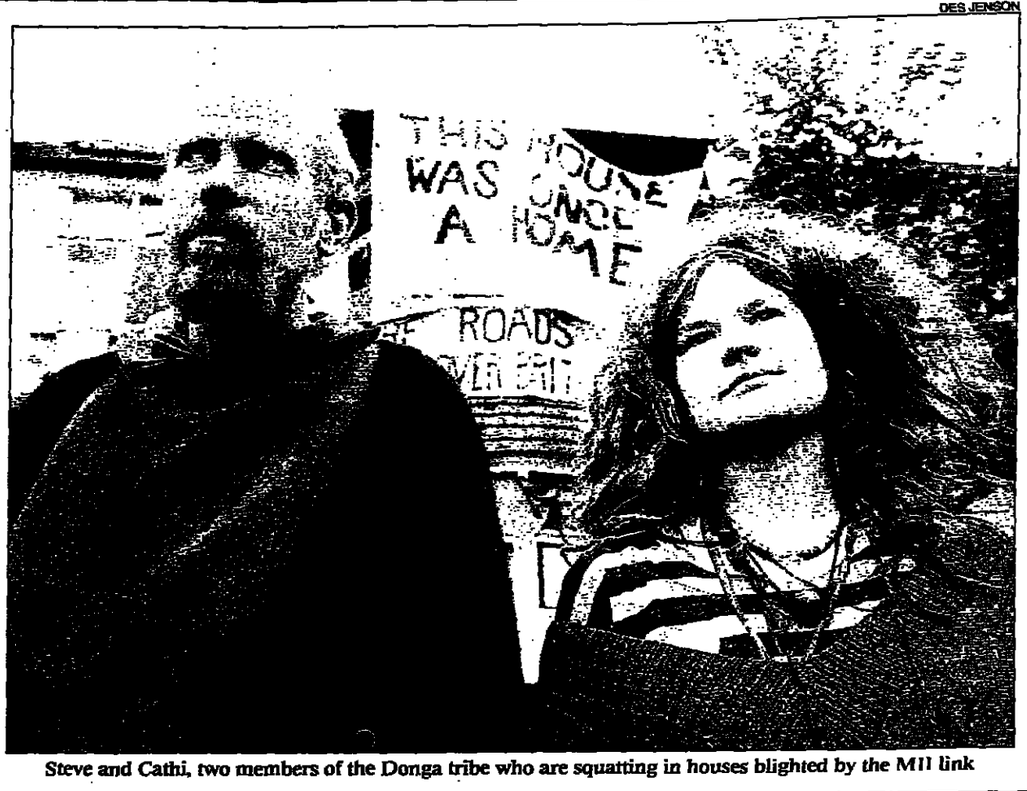
The Dongas, who take their name from hills in Africa, claim expertise on using the law to its limits to prevent the bulldozers moving in. Yet after climbing trees and sitting in them until 6pm, when they thought the contactors would go home for tea, the Dongas departed and the trees were cut down.

Their tactic of "reclaiming" and squatting in some of the scores of houses to be demolished seems more effective. Court orders to have them removed could take months.

The Dongas appear to enjoy backing from the local community and have been indirectly supported by Waltham Forest Borough Council. It failed in the High Court to halt the scheme, which has been costed at between £100 million and £200 million.

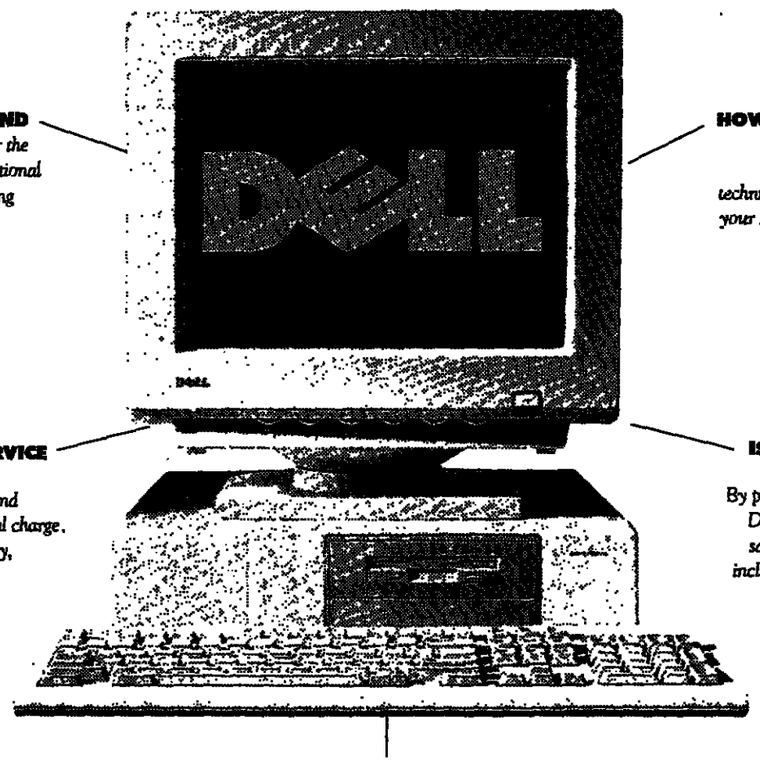
Huw Morgan-Thomas, chairman of the council's land strategy committee, said: "The fight goes on."

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Steve and Cathi, two members of the Donga tribe who are squatting in houses blighted by the M11 link

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Adventure group ill from fumes

Thirteen people, including two pregnant women and six children, were treated after inhaling carbon monoxide at an outdoor pursuits centre in North Wales.

The patients became ill on Saturday night. They were among 40 people staying at the remote Bron y Gader centre near Conwy, Gwynedd, which has no electricity. Gas cylinders are used for heating, cooking and lighting.

Barry Hartley, of the centre's management committee, said yesterday: "It's a complete mystery. At first a gas leak was suspected but we're told everything has been found to be all right."

Wife appeals

Catherine Windsor, of Halifax, West Yorkshire, whose husband John has been missing since Tuesday morning, appealed for him to "let somebody know he is all right". An air and sea search has failed to find Mr Windsor, whose car was found abandoned on a cliff at Bridlington.

Sword attack

Two men and a woman were arrested in Swindon, Wiltshire, after one of the men was attacked with a ceremonial sword during a dispute between neighbours. The man's arm was cut to the bone.

Teacher arrest

A junior school teacher in Hackney, northeast London, has been suspended after being arrested in connection with allegations of indecent assault on nine girls aged under 10.

Knifing charge

Keith Craven, 30, is due to appear before magistrates in Barnsley, South Yorkshire, today charged with the attempted murders of a woman and her son. Both had their throats cut.

Late post

A postcard from Cyprus has been delivered to Christchurch, Dorset, 40 years after being sent and ten years after the deaths of its sender and its intended recipient.

Roman find

Eddie Green, of Dowbridge, Lancashire, found hundreds of pieces of Roman pottery and building materials while digging up his garden. Archaeologists have begun searching the site.

Bond winners

Winners in the weekly premium bonds draw: £100,000, bond number 6VB 111608, from Hull, value of holding £2,920; £50,000, NN 863098, West Midlands (£200); £25,000, 18XZ 274954, Carlisle (£310).

Boy's coffin too long for cemetery

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

A mother was refused permission to bury her seven-year-old son in a children's cemetery because his coffin was six inches too long.

Valerie Lockwood was told that her son Barrie, who suffered from cerebral palsy, would have to be laid to rest among old graves. Harrogate Council said regulations did not allow coffins in the children's section of Ripon cemetery to be longer than 4ft, and Barrie's measured 4ft 6in.

Mrs Lockwood, 38, from Ripon, North Yorkshire, said: "Barrie was tall for his age but not enormous. I do not see what height has to do with it. I wanted him with the other children, instead of stuck out on his own with a teddy bear gravestone that looks ridiculously out of place."

Mrs Lockwood, who has two other children, wrote to the council asking for an exception to be made. "I was told that rules are rules and that they were not going to give in."

Paul Mortimer, a Harrogate councillor, said the matter was being investigated. "At a very difficult time for families, whether it is a child who has died or an adult, red tape should not be allowed to get in the way." Kevin Douglas, the council's amenity director, said the burial rules would be reassessed.

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Imprisoning women offends natural justice

Many women would not be in jail if they were men. Stewart Tendler reports on a penal imbalance

WOMEN prisoners are a fraction of the British penal population but they face more mental health problems and are more likely to be disciplined by prison authorities than men inmates.

Although their conditions are often better, women seem less able to cope with prison and often mutilate themselves. One reason for the acute depression that affects many female inmates is that nearly half have dependent children with friends or relatives.

Those are some of the findings of a *Times* investigation into the female prison population which explain why prison policy makers are now debating the need for a new deal for women in prison. But the drive for reform goes much further and is summed up in the question: "Why are we jailing so many women?" Reformers are asking why so many women are jailed when their offences seem insignificant compared with those of male criminals. The cost includes damaged families and children put out for fostering: in 1991, a survey found 47 per cent of women in prison had dependent children living with them at the time they were sentenced.

The criminal justice system, the critics say, should be more flexible in its treatment of women and the prison system should make greater efforts to accommodate the female 4 per cent of the penal population.

About 6,000 women are jailed each year on remand or under sentence. In 1991, according to figures from the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (Nacro), a quarter of the 1,500 women inmates held at any one time were on remand. Most women prisoners are non-violent offenders serving short sentences for property crime. In 1991, four out of five women sent to prison were serving less than 18 months. Only 17 per cent had been convicted for violence, burglary or robbery compared with 37 per cent of men.



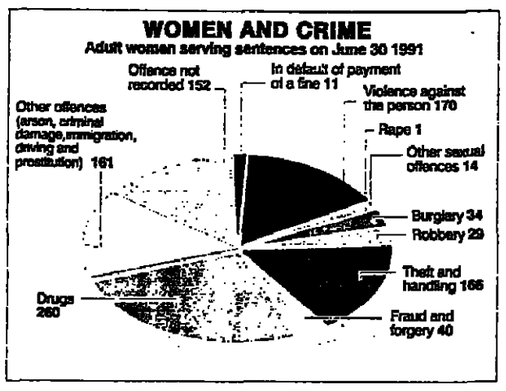
A report from the probation service found that more than half of the 2,650 women given immediate sentences in 1989 received short sentences, where men would have been considered for community-based penalties.

At the other end of the criminal spectrum, there are only three category-A women prisoners in the entire system: two IRA women imprisoned after the 1985 plot to bomb mainland resorts and ports, and an Arab offender.

According to a 1991 survey, 38 per cent of women prisoners in the sample were first-time offenders compared with 10 per cent of men. General sentencing policy recommends first-time offenders should not be imprisoned for most minor offences. The prison sentences were the first custodial punishments for 71 per cent of women and 42 per cent of men.

The imbalance raises questions about whether the courts are discriminating against female offenders. Some research suggests that once all the backgrounds are taken into account, there is no real difference but others support the Nacro view.

Even prison service officials accept that too many women are going to prison and point to the numbers on remand. That number has risen from 2,431 in 1979 to 3,182 in 1991 and a quarter were under 21. When they came to court, only 26 per cent were given prison sentences.



One former judge said he thought some courts were shocked at women offenders and punished them more severely. Either courts thought women should be firmly punished because they were deviating from what was expected of them, or courts wanted to make clear they would not be gentler just because the defendant was a woman.

There was also a tendency for magistrates to remand petty offenders such as shoplifters in prison because they had no means of support and might reoffend. Steven Shaw, of the Prison Reform Trust, suggests another reason for the higher percentage of women prisoners was convictions for drug-trafficking. Even if the women were first-time offenders, they would still go to prison. Drug convictions have certainly had a bearing on the number of black prisoners. In 1991, 29 per cent of the prisoners came from ethnic communities. In 1990, a third of all ethnic prisoners were drug couriers, mainly from Latin America and Africa. Separated from their families and often driven into carrying drugs because of poverty, the women can be desperate.

In the 12 women's prisons in England and Wales, half the inmates have primary responsibility for children. One prison expert said privately: "I think they suffer more than men. Male prisoners tend to accept prison and there is an element of collusion between staff and inmates. In Holloway, there is a great deal of answering back."

A woman governor with experience of men's and women's prisons felt the atmosphere in men's prisons was calmer, and Vivien Stern, director of Nacro, said: "Prison is not the right place for many women. It is part of men's culture to get into groups. Women are more attuned to a more independent life." Women prisoners clash more often with staff, as shown in discipline figures. Two years ago, the number of offences committed by prisoners was 2.9 for each women and 1.8 for each man.

A recent survey also showed that more than half of women in prison had mental health problems.

Women, however, are increasingly being recruited into the prison service, and there are now 1,900 women officers of all ranks working in men's prisons, which is more than the number of women officers in female prisons.

Home Office officials say they humanise prison life and calm tensions. Men inmates have taken well to the change. When one woman officer was threatened by a prisoner he later had to be moved because other prisoners were out to punish him.

Up to 12 per cent of all new prison officers are women and over a third of high-flyers heading for the governor grades are women. Women are now in charge of four prisons. There is little doubt a woman will soon command the toughest institutions.

MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

Inmates learn how to become good parents

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

THE Victorian house, set amid flowerbeds and lawns, resembles any prosperous nursery. It is littered with toys, has pink curtains and cartoons on the walls. Sleepy babies and well-dressed toddlers fill the rooms.

Less conventionally, all of their mothers are with them. The staff wear uniform and go nowhere without their keys; the windows are barred. This is the mother and baby unit at Styal prison, near Wilmslow, Cheshire, where 22 women are serving sentences from six months to eight years.

There are three such units attached to British prisons, and a fourth being built. So far they cater for about 50 mothers and their babies. The Home Office does not lay down a detailed policy for the management of the units. Styal, which was extended and modernised after criticism from the social services in 1990, regards itself as the most progressive. Its first unit, Fox House, was established for babies from birth to 9 months. Mellanby House, for children aged 9 to 18 months, was opened two months ago, providing facilities for 22 mothers in all. Brian Buck, the residential governor, insists that his regime resembles normal life as closely as possible, to prepare the women for independent motherhood and to reduce the shock of the outside world on children.

The inmates prepare the food, clean the unit and receive clothing vouchers for their babies. They qualify for family allowance and one-parent benefit, which they are expected to spend on nappies and toiletries. Each mother has her own room, decorated in pastel colours, to share with her baby. The communal areas downstairs are furnished in pine, with sofas and television. There are toys of every type, including a mini police car.

The babies regularly use an outside daycare centre and swimming pool, as do the mothers if they are licensed. Styal's own grounds are spacious and green and home to goats and ducks. The women, many having served time in harsher institutions, are hard-pressed to think of possible improvements, but Mr Buck says the unit is not an easy option. "Freedom is a wonderful thing and they haven't got it. People should go to prison as a punishment, not to be punished while they are in there."

The mothers have been selected for the unit because they are trusted not to abuse its privileges. Recently, two of them roamed the grounds without permission and had to be forcibly restrained, which resulted in an inmate and senior prison officer filing charges of assault against each other. Some of the women are furious with the officer but concede that relations between staff and prisoners are generally good. The 18-month age limit will be tested in January, when a baby is due to be separated from a mother with six months still to serve. She will fight to keep him. The governors are sympathetic but do not want a baby old enough to know that it is in prison, and are conscious of the waiting list for places. The prison employs two nursery nurses, whose job is to stimulate the children rather than relieve the inmates of maternal responsibility. "You've got to take the kids everywhere with you," says Amanda, 25, who has a son aged nine months and has served two months of a one-year sentence for robbery. "I wasn't used to that because my family had always fussed around him."

'People should go to prison as a punishment, not to be punished while they are in there'

Many of the women also have older children living outside, who are sometimes allowed into the unit on a much-lauded extended visits scheme also implemented at Holloway prison in London. "It's settling for the youngsters to see where mum's living and gives them a chance to get to know their brother or sister," Mr Buck says. "You're not just trying to bond the mother and baby, you're trying to bond the mother, baby and the rest of the family."

Some children, however, find prison visits distressing and where possible the governors allow the mothers temporary release for home visits. "It's a sweet and sour experience," says Jill, who has served nine months of a 2½-year sentence and has children outside aged twelve, seven and two. "You can enjoy the first two days but in the last two all you think about is coming back. It's like starting all over again when you get back in." At 33, she is one of the oldest women in the unit, and seems to be one of the loneliest. "I spend hours in my room sometimes, when I feel miserable. Some people cry a lot, some shut themselves away, and some don't let it show, they just smile and get on with it."

The governors insist that the inmates take a basic childcare course, supplemented by sewing and cookery classes. Some of them have tried motherhood before without great success. "We're trying to give them the start with this baby that they probably didn't have with previous children," Mr Buck says. He is proud of the unit and does not believe the babies suffer inside. "We give some of them a very good start in life. We set high standards and like to think we send the mother off well able to cope. If we've done that, at least we've done something with the time while she's been in prison."

BARRY GREENWOOD



There is a waiting list for the special unit at Styal prison, which holds 22 women with children up to 18 months

AN ADDICT'S LIFE IN PRISON

'You can get any drug you want: the whole range'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

DRUG use in British prisons is extensive and increasing. Some researchers suspect that drugs can be obtained more easily in jail than on the streets.

Many prison officers do little to discourage drug abuse, according to a rehabilitation counsellor. "It's easier to manage prisoners if they're stoned," the counsellor says. "I know a prison warden who has said that he prefers people to be on drugs."

Surveys suggest that a quarter of adult women in jail were addicts in the six months before their imprisonment. With little or no facilities for detoxification and rehabilitation, many drug offenders return to prison regularly.

Mandy, 37, left Holloway in July, 12 months after being given a 2½-year sentence for drug-related fraud. Since then, she has been at Hope House, a women's rehabilitation centre in London. Her five children live with her mother and are wards of court.

Mandy, who has used amphetamines since the age of 16, was charged with possession in 1985 and sent to a bail hostel. Two years later, still addicted, she received ten weeks of "primary treatment", the first stage of rehabilitation, but no follow-up programme was provided. In 1990, she was jailed for six months for possession with intent to supply, followed by the sentence in July last year.

She was paroled in January. In February, while on heroin and Tomazipan, she walked out of a shop with goods worth £13. "I think it was a cry for help," she said. "I'm not a shoplifter. I had £100 on me anyway."

Mandy was recalled to jail and taken to Holloway. "You sit in reception for hours, then you're strip-searched and all your possessions are taken. If you're withdrawing from drugs, you get to see a doctor for about five minutes. You wait for hours again before being taken to the wing.

"A lot of people arrive in a state of absolute shock. If you're withdrawing you get put in a hospital wing, which is the dirtiest place in the prison. They don't give you enough drugs: it's only a six-day detox. I've seen people in absolute agony withdrawing from heroin. The nurses are so hardened to it."

She described the daily regime. "At 7am they banged on the cell doors to wake us up. It was breakfast at 7.30, then I worked in the laundry from 8.30. At 11am we had dinner. We were locked up from 11.45 to 1pm. I went back to work until 3pm, had tea, then we were locked up again from 3.45. We got out for one to three hours for association.

"Drugs are brought in on visits or if the women go out on temporary release. We are strip-searched but people carry them internally. Those that have drugs hold the power. There are always fights. The minute we were out for association, people were running around trying to get drugs for when we were locked up again at 8pm.

"Basically, you can get any drug you want — the whole range. I would say around 75 per cent of women in Holloway are drug users, and at least half of those are addicted. You can tell who they are because going back to prison is like a reunion.

"Prison is a whole mental shutdown. There's a lot of suicide attempts. They are quite willing to hand out anti-depressants willy-nilly. There's a special psychiatric wing but the nurses are very disillusioned: they don't give a damn any more."

Michael O'Sullivan, the Holloway governor, persuaded the parole board that Mandy could be more constructively dealt with at Hope House, which provides eight women at a time with individually tailored recovery programmes, including group therapy and workshops on assertiveness, relapse prevention and health care. Placements are funded by local authorities and subsidised by charities.

"Hope House has given me something else to do, some sense of self worth and a realisation that I can live in the real world without drugs," Mandy said. She is going to college and rebuilding relations with her children.

TOMORROW

How families manage when mothers go to prison: a husband struggles to keep his children together as his wife serves her sentence for fraud

Firm but fair officers give shoulder to cry on

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN WARDERS

LORI Chilton stands in the gym with two women colleagues, unperturbed by a crowd of high-spirited, muscular male prisoners who press their noses to the window.

She is equally unconcerned as they intimidatingly surround the door that she wants to unlock and crowd around her as she walks from the room. Miss Chilton, 36, and her colleagues are apparently oblivious to the leering of inmates at Brinsford young offenders' institution, near Wolverhampton.

She can laugh and exchange banter with the 477 young men among whom she works, but any inmate who oversteps the mark soon learns that she is a principal prison officer with 16 years' service in male and female establishments. The woman who can dispense motherly sympathy to weeping men facing problems in their love-lives is also trained to command teams of officers in the control and restraint techniques needed to deal with riots.

Miss Chilton's family and friends were worried when she switched from retail management to the prison service. Her father, horrified at the idea, repeatedly asked why she wanted to work "among the dregs of society". Now he is delighted at his daughter's success in a service that has discovered the value of employing increasing numbers of female officers in men's and women's prisons.

There are 1,750 female officers in male prisons, including 49 principal officers, 141 senior officers and 71 governor grades. Twenty per cent of Brinsford staff are women, including 29 prison officers and six auxiliaries. Women officers have brought a calming influence to bear on volatile establishments holding the dangerous and the inadequate.

Miss Chilton, until last week in charge of the segregation unit and now heading the institution's toughest wing with 112 prisoners, said: "A woman will perhaps spend more time talking to prisoners, engage them in every day chat. A prisoner gets no kudos in hitting a woman or swearing at us."

Women officers confirm that the young men often come to them to cry. An officer at another prison said: "They are often deeply upset, worried that their girl friend or wife is not going to wait for them while they are inside."

At Brinsford, Ian Honeyghan, 18, from Handsworth, West Midlands, given five years for a stabbing, said: "If you have a girl problem, the men officers laugh at you, but the women talk. I found it easier to speak to them when I wanted to know what was going to happen to me and my girl."

Though women officers provide a moderating influence in Britain's 133 prisons, inmates know to address Lori Chilton as Miss, while she and her colleagues call them by their surnames. Helen McArdle, 23, said: "We will listen to them, watch them cry over things, but we are prison officers first who must bring our judgment to each situation. In that, we are no different from our male colleagues."

JOHN POTTER



Helen McArdle, left, Lori Chilton and Helen Chambers at Brinsford

Bar conference: police and defendants, solicitors and barristers, the law and the paying public

Taylor insists on judges' discretion over right to silence

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chief Justice has signalled his potential support for the home secretary's expected proposals to allow judges to comment on a defendant's refusal to answer police questions.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth told the Bar conference in London at the weekend that he supported the proposal of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice that the defence should disclose its case before trial. He also hinted that he would not oppose further measures to prevent suspects from refusing to answer police questions.

He said that he would "not be horrified" by such proposals, provided that judges were given the powers to decide when a suspect's silence could be commented upon at trial. Michael Howard, the home secretary, is expected this week to adopt the proposal made by a minority of the royal commission.

Lord Taylor said: "We will have to apply the law as Parliament enacts it. There are circumstances in which it ought to be open to a judge, in his discretion, to comment on the failure of a defendant to respond to enquiries. My own view is that there ought to be some change in that direction but I do emphasise that ... it must be for the judge to say whether that comment should be made or not."

A change in the right to silence would introduce the system that has operated in Northern Ireland for five years. It would be opposed by the Criminal Bar Association.

Michael Kalisher QC, a leading member of the criminal Bar, said: "There are many reasons for a defendant failing to give an explanation at the time, some of which are consistent with guilt, but some could be consistent with innocence. In my view, juries are quite good at knowing whether a failure to give an explanation is because one didn't exist or whether it's for some other reason."

If the right to silence was amended, the wording of the traditional caution would have to be changed to: "You have the right to remain silent but if you fail to answer a relevant question ... a court or jury may conclude that your silence supports the evidence against you."

John Hoddinott, chief constable of Hampshire, gave strong support for allowing comment on a defendant's silence. He told the conference: "How can you seriously argue that a suspect, provided with the protection of legal advice and informed of the basis of the case against him, is unable to make some response to the charge? Why does it so often take him four or five months and perhaps the 'assistance' of his legal team to remember facts that he must have been aware of at the time of the interview?"

He also called for the use of police cautions to be brought under statutory control. Cautions for indictable offences rose by 40 per cent last year and police have been accused of using cautions as a cost-cutting exercise.

Mr Hoddinott said there was overwhelming evidence that cautioning was a "more successful means of disposal", but that repeated cautions did not work.

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MARTIN BEDDALL



Lord Taylor would "not be horrified" if Michael Howard introduced changes

Case aired against no-win no-fee deal

PROPOSALS by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, to allow lawyers to take cases on a no-win no-fee basis were strongly criticised by the Lord Chief Justice.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth said: "The effect will be that in a no-win no-fee agreement, the client will have to pay one lot of costs in any event."

If the client won, he paid his own lawyer, who would be able to charge up to double his normal fee for taking the risk, Lord Taylor said. "If he loses, he has to pay the defendant's costs. I seriously wonder how beneficial such an arrangement will be."

Defendants faced with the unlikelihood of recovering costs if they won might "resort to nuisance settlements, which may encourage more speculative claims to be made", he added.

Lord Taylor was sceptical about a proposal for avoiding costly court proceedings — settling disputes out of court by what is called alternative dispute resolution. "This has limited application," he said. "It may well be helpful in family and contract cases but it is inappropriate in criminal cases or applications for judicial review, and if it fails there is no affordable remedy."

One way to reduce the cost of legal proceedings was for lawyers to cut their fees, Lord Taylor said. The public regarded fees of all professional people as excessive and those of lawyers in particular.

It was not true that lawyers encouraged clients to litigate in their own interests. But the fees of solicitors and barristers "in the weightier cases, especially of corporate clients, are often out of all proportion to a reasonable rate for the job".

The reputation of the profession would be much improved if "the notion of the highest fees were to be replaced by a more modest concept of the rate for the job".

The Lord Chief Justice urged a new joint approach between judges and advocates to shorten and sharpen court hearings. Judges should be more interventionist and their approach be "hands on".

QC aims to end male dominance of chair

HILARY HEILBRON QC, daughter of Britain's first woman judge, is mounting the first challenge by a woman for the key staging post which leads to chairman of the Bar.

She is one of the favourites to become vice-chairman at next months's annual elections by members of the 6,000-strong Bar. If successful, she is likely to become the first woman chairman the following year.

Miss Heilbron, 44, is seeking leadership of a profession that is still predominantly male and which is still pervaded by the genteel atmosphere of college dining halls and gentlemen's clubs.

Miss Heilbron, daughter of Dame Rose Heilbron, who is now retired from the High Court bench, opted to use her mother's maiden name instead of that of her father, Dr Nathaniel Burstein — a point some critics cite as a disadvantage. She is unmarried.

This year she has come to the fore in her own right, chairing the joint Bar Council/Law Society committee on the civil courts and producing the report, *Civil Justice on Trial — the Case for Change*, in June.

But she faces tough competition from the favourite for the post, Peter Goldsmith QC.

Like Miss Heilbron, he is from the commercial bar. The son of a Liverpool solicitor and father of four, he took a first in law from Cambridge. Miss Heilbron took a third at Oxford but achieved the distinction of being first woman president of the Oxford University Law Society.



Heilbron: first step to becoming Bar chairman

Bar protests at aid payments

BAR leaders have lodged a formal complaint with the government over the level of legal aid fees for criminal Bar work.

Peter Goldsmith QC, a contender for vice-chairman of the Bar in elections next month, said a fair system of payment was needed that did not discriminate against young barristers. The Bar had complained to the government in strong and vigorous terms, he said.

Young barristers were being forced out of the market because solicitors could receive more legal aid money by instructing agency solicitors to cover courts for them instead of barristers. Mr Goldsmith said: "The Bar can only attract that work if they agree to undercut the agency solicitors by at least the amount of extra money that the instructing solicitor would otherwise receive." The problem was made worse by a decline in court work. He urged the Bar not to respond with restrictive practices but to provide a quality service at reasonable cost.

☐ The president of the Law Society advised the Bar to move on from quaint notions of etiquette which assumed that all barristers could handle any brief and had no interest in fees. Rodger Pannone, whose society represents 65,000 solicitors, told the conference that the Bar would have to become more businesslike in the face of increased competition from solicitors.

"Solicitors must have a reasonable chance of learning who is available, what they charge and, if they specialise, what fields they specialise in." Solicitors might wish to select barristers, for example, from ethnic minorities. Barristers should make themselves known by "what we are unashamed to call marketing".

Choice of silks 'contaminated'

THE "secretive" and "contaminated" system of selecting barristers for Queen's Counsel is further undermined by the practice of canvassing judges, the conference was told.

Robin de Wilde QC, who is to press for reform of the system at the forthcoming Bar annual meeting, said he did not like a system that involved "unattributable judicial whispers".

Under the present system, candidates who apply to officials in the Lord Chancellor's Department to become a QC are not told why they have been rejected. This involved "secrecy, which leads to contamination, and that contamination leads to a loss of confidence", Mr de Wilde said.

He favoured the Scottish system, as outlined by the Dean of Advocates, Alan Johnston QC, who told candidates personally whether they were likely to make the grade.

Mr de Wilde deplored the practice of canvassing, which he knew of on the basis of "clear evidence from more than one judge". Canvassing was done on behalf of favoured candidates and by candidates on behalf of themselves. Not everyone wanted to indulge in such practices, which might seem demeaning, and they should stop, he said. He also claimed there was discrimination in selecting QCs on the basis of their set of chambers.

Sir Thomas Legg, permanent secretary at the Lord Chancellor's Department, said the selection system was as fair and open as the Lord Chancellor could make it. There was no discrimination between sets of chambers and he was only dimly aware "from afar" that canvassing went on.

But a cardinal feature of the system was opinions about applicants and their work, collated from the widest range of judges and senior lawyers. These had to remain confidential. The system was not informal but organised and systematic, Sir Thomas said.

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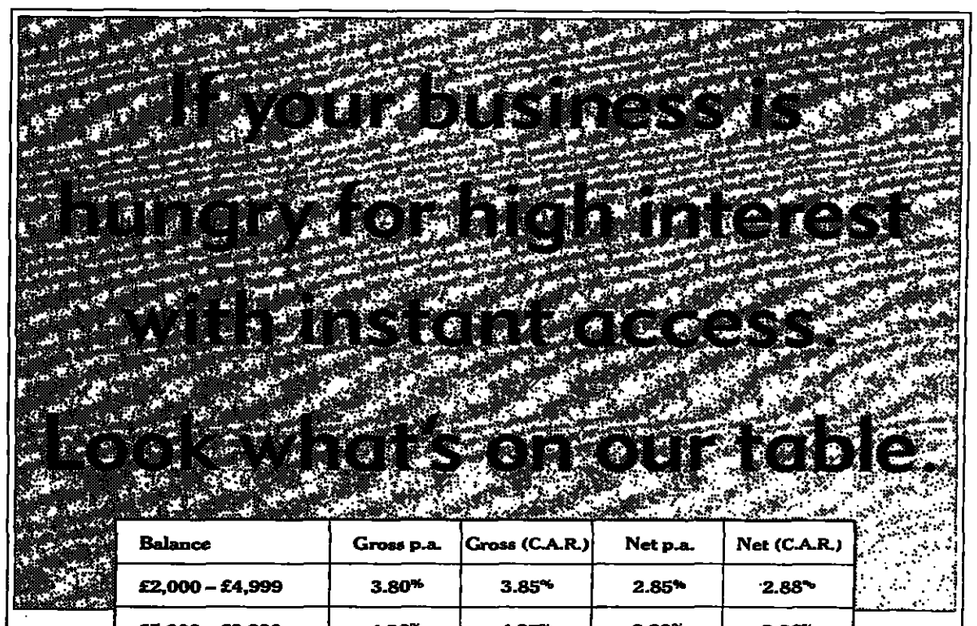
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THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Endgame duel ends ferocious battle

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

A PACKED house at London's Savoy Theatre on Saturday saw the most exciting endgame duel yet between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short in game 12 of *The Times* World Chess Championship. An imaginative piece sacrifice by Kasparov in the opening led to an end race between the champion's passed pawns on the king's flank and Nigel Short's solitary passed pawn supported by a bishop on the opposite wing.

Demand for tickets was so great that CPMA, the promoters, were forced to recall the concessionary tickets reserved for the press. When the draw eventually came, the result was greeted by thunderous applause. After the game Kasparov said: "There is a lot of psychology in this type of match. The kind of chess we are playing is unusually ferocious and intense for a world championship match."

White: Nigel Short
Black: Garry Kasparov
Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Bc4	e6
7	Bb3	Nc6

Kasparov: "I am the first to deviate from games six, eight and ten where I played 7 ... Nbd7. It is better to surprise the opponent than always to expect his surprises."

8	f4	Be7
9	Be3	0-0
10	Qf3	Nxd4
11	Bxd4	b5
12	Bxf6	Bxf6

This is a surprise. It looks as if Short's next move wins material by attacking the bishop on f6 and Kasparov's rook on a8, but Kasparov has an ingenious sacrificial idea in mind to exploit White's weakness on the a8-h1 diagonal.

13	e5	

Short thought for half an hour over this move before accepting the challenge.

13	...	Bh4+
14	g3	Rb8

Although this move has been analysed by Shamkovich it has apparently not been played before.

15	gxh4	

Short: "I now accept the challenge of winning a piece in exchange for Kasparov garnering several of my pawns and being able to harass my king. It was, of course, possible to play more quietly with 15 0-0-0 Bb7 16 Ne4."

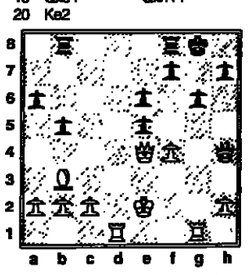
15	...	Bb7
16	Ne4	dxe5
17	Rg1	

At first sight this position looks good for White. However, Kasparov's next move is extraordinarily powerful.

17	...	g6

Short: "I have been asked whether I was surprised by this move, which is Kasparov's theoretical novelty, improving over some old analysis by Shamkovich. To be honest, I had been surprised earlier. I had completely forgotten about this old Shamkovich analysis and I was making it up over the board. However, I think I played reasonably well."

18	Rd1	Bxe4
19	Qxe4	Qxh4+
20	Ke2	



Short: "I am surprised that Kasparov now goes for the endgame. It can only have one winner, namely White."

20	...	Qxh2+

Kasparov: "If I go wrong anywhere, this is the move."

21	Rg2	Qxd4
22	Qxd4	exd4
23	Kf3	Rfd8
24	Rxd8	Rxd8
25	Kxd4	Kf8
26	Ke3	Ke7
27	c4	h5

Kasparov: "I could have played 27 ... f5 but that is risky."

28	a4	bxa4
29	Bxa4	h4
30	c5	Rh8
31	Rc2	h3
32	Bc6	e5

Short: "Up to this point I felt I might still be able to win but I had underestimated Kasparov's 32nd move ... e5." Kasparov: "Now I felt comfortable and believed I would not lose."

33	Kf2	h2
34	Rc1	a5
35	Bd5	Rd8
36	Bg2	

Kasparov: "The critical line is 36 Bb7 trying to control the queening square of White's passed c-pawn."

36	...	Rd2+
37	Kg3	Kd7
38	Ra1	f5
39	Kxh2	Rxb2

Kasparov: "White's bishop on g2 will soon be cut out of the game."

40	Rxe5	e4

Draw agreed

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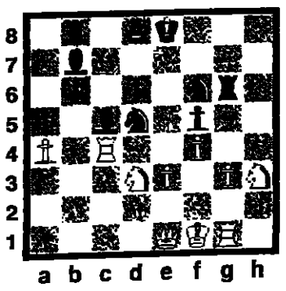
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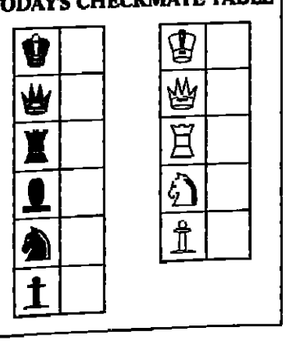
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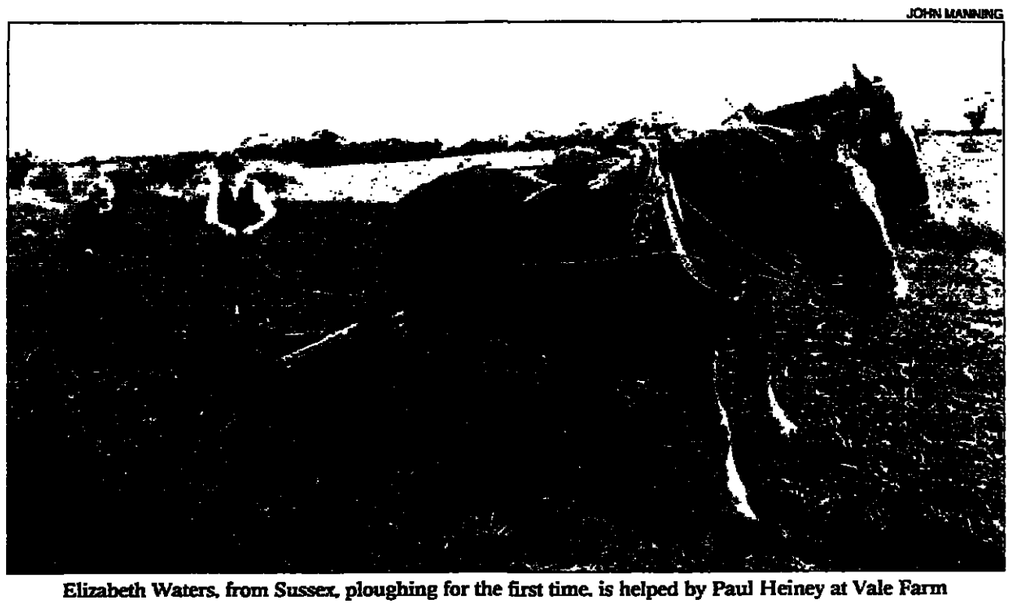
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Masterclass leaves readers with furrowed brows

BY LIBBY PURVES

JOHN MANNING



Elizabeth Waters, from Sussex, ploughing for the first time, is helped by Paul Heiney at Vale Farm

PLOUGHING with horses is not the tranquil pursuit it seems on bread-wrappers. Elizabeth Waters, from Sussex, set her hand to the plough at the weekend and panted along three short furrows of saturated Suffolk soil. "They walk a lot faster than I thought" she commented. One by one, 34 intrepid *Times* readers steered a plough behind the Suffolk Punches, Star and Blue.

The scene of instruction was Paul Heiney's farm near Yoxford, Suffolk, an experiment chronicled for the past three years in Saturday's *Times*. The 40-acre farm operates a traditional organic rotation of crops, is worked by carthorses and antique farm machinery, and raises wheat, barley, oats, potatoes, and fodder crops for its cattle, pigs and sheep. It is a close reproduction of a small farm before the 1950s mechanical and agrochemical revolution.

A few of the weekend's trainees were engaged in projects using old farming techniques. But most were brave beginners.

"You must," Mr Heiney told a mystified class around the 1932 Ransome's Yorkshire Light plough, "remember to snotch your hake." He reminded them that to plough one acre you walk 11 miles, that you stuff horse-collars with rye-straw and that Suffolk Punches, an endangered species, have a pedigree going back to 1768.

John Cousins imparted the art of long-straw thatching of cornricks. Autumn was when the thatcher coppiced hazel wood to make his poles and pegs. "You split each gad into brotches," he said. "Brotches can be called spits, spooks, spars or scollops. And this is a springle". The class tried splitting their own springles, chips flew, and Peter Middleton, of Kent, drew blood. More cautious pupils were instructed in the use of the two-tine hayfork, sifting the straw in the wind.

Impervious to political echoes, Mr Cousins' pupils heard how a good Thatcher will split and twist and hammer, and plunge an iron needle into the heart of the stack for its own good.

The 1947 threshing-machine was demonstrated and broke a paddle in a shower of woodworm-dust. "Very typical farming event," said Mr Heiney, with unnatural calm. His wife agreed. She is *Times* writer Libby Purves.



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Election campaign over-spending sinks Conservatives deeper into the red

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT
ANGELA MACKAY
AND ANDREW PIERCE

■ Growing disquiet among Tories is likely to be fuelled by new details about the party's debts

CONSERVATIVE Central Office spent up to ten times more on by-elections in the run-up to the 1992 general election than party officials disclosed under electoral law.

On the eve of the first party conference to be presented with published accounts, *The Times* has been shown a copy of the previous year's unpublished balance sheet, with supporting confidential documents, which reveal substantial overspending on by-elections.

The depth of the crisis in party financing was revealed by *The Times* last month. Big business and the City as well as the constituency associations have rebuffed desperate attempts by fund-raisers to increase their donations to reduce a current deficit of £19.2 million. All these problems are reflected in the report and accounts covering the 12 months up to March 1993, which reveal that three-quarters of their debts are unsecured.

Growing disquiet among grass-roots supporters about the state of the party's finances features in motions tabled by nine associations, which demand that the party listens to its members. Another 18 associations have put down explicit motions demanding full financial accounts to be published each year, and more accountability.

The balance sheet for March 1992 and memoranda of that time confirmed some of the worst fears of Tory officials, many of whom have never seen the documents. A note on departmental spending for the 11 months up to February, 1992 shows that campaigning was only one of a number of departments where spending was over budget. The total costs associated with six by-elections reached £305,000, which was 50 per cent over budget.

In the by-election at Langbaurgh near Cleveland in November, 1991, where the Conservatives were defeated by Labour, the election expenses filed with the returning officer were £6,9993.88 but the note states that £78,200 was actually spent. In November 1991, at Kincardine and Deeside, won by the Liberal Democrats, the Tories filed the expense of the election as £23,034.62 but the same confidential memorandum states that spending was £65,300.

In the Monmouth by-election in May 1991, the expense of the election filed with the returning officer was £27,568 but the note puts the cost at £67,700.

Although there is no evidence of a breach of electoral rules which stipulate a maximum figure candidates may spend on a by-election, the huge sums involved reflect the party's desperation to record a win.

The by-election figures did not surprise those within the party who were closely involved in the campaigns. But Central Office employees emphasised that the overspending arose because they were so keen to win at least one by-election in the run-up to the general election. "Langbaurgh was the most winnable of them all," one senior campaigner said. "The party chairman was desperate for a morale-boosting victory.

"We were conscious of the rules governing by-election spending. But you can lose a lot of that in hotel accommodation for the campaign team and petrol expenses."

What the 1993 report and accounts also show is that an astonishing three-quarters of Tory debt with its bank and other creditors is unsecured. Notes to the accounts show party headquarters at Smith Square, valued at £5.25 million, is the only asset charged to secure overdrafts of £15.3 million with the Royal Bank of Scotland. Other creditors owed £4.2 million are completely unsecured.

Moreover, the Royal Bank of Scotland would usually demand more security when the value of assets used to secure a property declines. The value of Smith Square declined by £2 million over the year and if the bank did request more security, the accounts show the party would not have had any to give. One solution could be that a secret benefactor has indemnified the Royal Bank of Scotland.

The party's gloomy financal state is reflected in its overdraft, which more than doubled over the year. The Tories appear to have topped up the facility to repay much of the debt incurred during the 1992 campaign when donations failed to meet expenses.

A large slice of the overdraft has gone to Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising agency. There is still about £1.5 million outstanding to Saatchi, reflected in the amount owing to trade creditors which has risen from £2.4 million to £3.5 million over the year.

The accounts do not explain an apparent "hole" in the 1992 accounts seen by *The Times*. In those unpublished accounts there appeared to be a missing adjustment involving £7.7 million which pushed up the value of 1992 net current liabilities to just over £25 million. The deficit in the main Central Office account — the corpus account — was shown to be £17.2 million and there is no explanation of the source of the cash that made this adjustment possible.

A Conservative spokeswoman said she was unable to comment on the accounts unless *The Times* made them available. *The Times* was not in a position to do so.

Liberal Democrats take the lead among voters in south

BY PETER RIDDELL

CONFERENCE COUNTDOWN



THE Tories have fallen behind the Liberal Democrats in their traditional heartlands in southern England, and in rural and farming areas.

The latest MORI aggregate for *The Times*, covering all the polls undertaken from July to September, underlines the extent of the Tories' vulnerability on the eve of their annual conference. On the basis of current figures, several ministers including Michael Howard, John Patten and William Waldegrave, and dozens of Tory MPs would be in danger of losing their seats.

The poll shows that, for the first time since they were formed in 1988, the Liberal Democrats are now just ahead of the Tories in the south (two-fifths of the country), at 34 against 33 per cent. In the July to September period, Labour was just behind on 32 per cent. At the general election, the Tories had 48 per cent of the vote in the south, against 27 per cent for Labour and 23 per cent for the Liberal Democrats.

While these figures are no guide to what might happen in a general election still two or three years away, this even split between the parties underlines the threat facing the government. The Tories are being challenged by Labour in seats where they are already running a strong second and from the Liberal Democrats in areas such as the South West where they are much stronger than Labour. However, Labour stands to gain more seats since it is nearer the Tories in more seats. The Liberal Democrats have performed particularly strongly in the South West, where they now stand at 43 per cent, against 29 per cent for the Tories and 27 per cent for Labour.

A new MORI poll for tonight's BBC Panorama programme of 779 adults in 48 South Western seats who claimed to have voted Tory in the 1992 general election shows that the party has lost two-fifths of its support since then. A third say they have definitely switched away from the Tories, while the rest may change their minds. If only those who say they have definitely switched their support do so, then the Liberal Democrats would take six Tory seats and Labour would capture four seats in the region.

The main consolation for the Tories is that, while many of these South Western voters are relaxed about their local council being run by the Liberal Democrats or having a Liberal Democrat local MP, they overwhelmingly consider a Labour government, even one with co-operation with the Liberal Democrats, to be a bad thing. Even among those who have deserted the Tories since 1992, more than three-fifths think a Labour-Liberal Democrat government of co-operation would be a bad thing.

The aggregate July to September poll shows that the Liberal Democrats are ahead of the Tories in rural and farming seats. The poll also underlines the continuing gender gap in party support. Labour is 19 points ahead of the Tories among men but just 13 points ahead among women.

During the three months there was little change in voting intentions, even though there was a marked deterioration in optimism about the economic outlook.

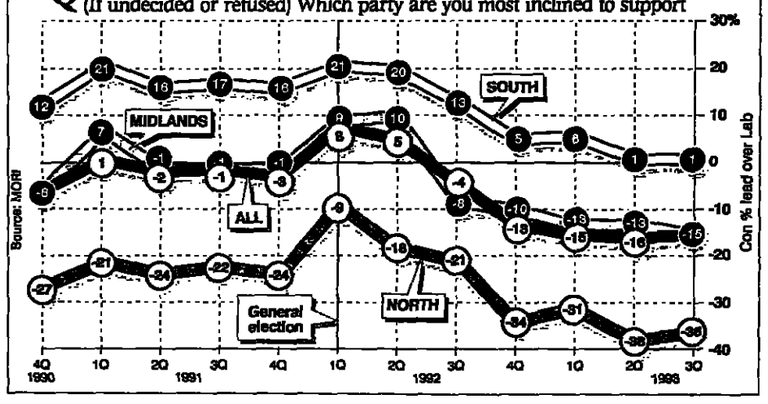
Labour support overall has dropped from 47 to 43 per cent since the first quarter, but over the same period it has increased from 45 to 48 per cent among 25 to 34 year olds.

☐ *The MORI aggregate of voting intention polls over the July to September period covers a total of 6,607 adults interviewed face-to-face at home. Party support figures exclude those who said they would not vote (8 per cent), were undecided (6 per cent) or refused to name a party (2 per cent).*

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REGIONAL VOTING INTENTIONS

Q How would you vote if there was a general election tomorrow? (If undecided or refused) Which party are you most inclined to support



Chairman faces a collapse in party's morale



Stephen Maund, above, the Conservative agent in Chester for nearly 13 years, has become one of a flood of local party workers to lose their jobs. Mr Maund, 40, a campaigner for 19 years, had a good record of winning elections. But, for the local party, the crisis began in January when the income from membership subscriptions fell sharply. It intensfied in February when the Duke of Westminster severed links with the Chester association by resigning as its president in protest over the lease-hold reform legislation. Since the general election, many constituencies have found that they can no longer afford the services of professional. Central Office trained agent. Since April last year their number has slumped from about 300 to 240. More go almost every week. In the northwest, where four Tory seats were held at the last election with majorities of less than 1,200, the purge has been particularly brutal. At least nine agents have lost their jobs in recent months.

Fowler's faithful defect as government loses popularity

BY ANDREW PIERCE

SUTTON COLDFIELD



Chris Rogers, a lifelong Tory, says he now feels alienated and has torn up his membership card

SIR Norman Fowler, who will have the job of rallying the party faithful at Blackpool this week, has an equally demanding task in restoring morale in his own backyard.

In the party chairman's Sutton Coldfield constituency, where a 26,000 majority makes it one of the ten safest Tory seats in the country, membership is falling and dissent is rife. Some long-standing members have torn up their party cards and there are rumours of defections to the Liberal Democrats.

Some say Sir Norman's close links to John Major have contributed to a slump in support for the party in one of the most affluent constituencies in the West Midlands.

At a recent by-election a seemingly impregnable 6,000 Tory majority was reduced to 400. The swing to the Liberal Democrats was 31 per cent. The successful Tory candidate, John Hood, feared that Sir Norman's presence would have turned the by-election into a referendum on the government.

"We are more unpopular now than we ever were under Mrs Thatcher," Mr Hood said. "If the government carries on like this it will lose the next election. I am not sure Sutton will always remain Tory. People are saying Fowler could lose it. Because he is chairman of the party he is getting the blame for things going wrong."

VAT on fuel, and law and order, are the most divisive issues. Chris Rogers, the managing director of Questor International, a market research company, is typical of the lifelong Tories who have deserted. Mr Rogers, 45, married with five children, who lives in a large detached house in the constituency, has ripped up his party membership card. For good. "I was a card-carrying member until I moved here. But things have gone from bad to worse. I wouldn't join again. They are out of touch with ordinary people on traditional Tory values such as law and order. I feel alienated."

Brian Farrow, 56, married with two children, has also given up on the Tories. Mr Farrow has just been made redundant. "The government is woolly and indecisive. Fowler might get back in, but his seat is not safe any more. I'll be backing the Liberals."

Antagonism towards Sir Norman has increased over his decision to become patron of an appeal to build a car park at the 900-year-old Holy Trinity church in Sutton Coldfield, which will involve the destruction of the graveyard. An appeal has been lodged in the High Court to try to stop the development.

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Expressions of interest in writing only should be sent to the address below to be received no later than 29 October 1993; quoting reference 004. Supplier appraisal questionnaires must be returned by 12 noon on 12 November 1993.

Correspondence which does not meet these deadlines will not be considered.

Lynne Middleton, Market Testing Unit, Employment Services, Level 2, Mayfield Court, Sheffield S1 4ER.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

Politicians stand still while the world moves on

*A revolution in the way society works has left traditional notions of government and politics obsolete, **Martin Jacques** writes*

We are by now familiar with the litany of reasons deployed to explain the crisis of leadership. Recessions always lead to disillusionment in governments and politicians: their failure to deliver the goods underlines the limitations of their power. The end of the Cold War has left all Western leaders confused and uncertain. The coincidence of recession and, far more importantly, the end of the Cold War, is a mighty moment in its own right: great leaders of any era would be left groping in their wake.

These events are serving to draw attention to deeper changes in Western societies which require us to rethink the very nature of politics. Here I am at one with Vernon Bogdanor, who argued last Monday that our political parties are the key to the weakness of democratic leadership.

What we are dealing with is not simply the calibre of politicians or the efficacy of their policies. Governments are simply not what they once were. Globalisation in all its forms — production, investment, communications and information — has greatly weakened the power of governments to control what happens within their own borders. And while economics and culture have gone global, politics, parties and politicians remain determinedly and narrowly national.

But that is relatively old hat. What has not been sufficiently observed is the loss of power by governments and parties within their own societies. Over the postwar period there has been a veritable explosion of civil society. We are aware that organisations and movements such as Friends of the Earth and Comic Relief have become far more important. But the point is not so much this or that body but what lies behind them.

Growing prosperity and the rising importance of leisure have helped to transform the interests and identities available to people. We now make our own society to a far greater extent than was ever previously the case. The market is the metaphor which has come to express diversity and choice in the economic sphere, but the same has happened in the cultural domain with an expanding range of lifestyles and a plethora of organisations which express them.

Where once society was governed from a single point, the state, power is now everywhere and nowhere, vested in each of us. In the days when governments were *the* source of authority, the commanding height of society to which citizens showed due respect and deference, their task was relatively easy. Now they are obliged to share power.

The world of politics shows little sign of recognising this new reality. Measured against business and culture, it remains conservative, backward-looking and anachronistic. The House of Commons is wedded to rituals.

***The Times* Essay**

Politicians similarly display characteristics which are quite different from those required to succeed in the modern world — a refusal to admit that they ever change their mind, that there are limits to their power or that they simply don't know. Political parties too are caught in a time-warp. They were designed for a world of mass memberships, enduring patterns of loyalty and identification, strong ideologies, hierarchical patterns of organisation and clear and discrete centres of power. That world is now in precipitous decline.

The postwar period has seen an enormous expansion in cultural democracy and a relative stasis in political democracy, a condition which was encouraged by the Cold War. This democratisation of everyday life has eroded the traditional frontiers between politics and culture, people and politicians, parties and social organisations.

While cultural democracy has empowered the modern citizen, political democracy is still based on the assumption that politics is the task of a small professional class. This is becoming unsustainable, not simply because of the vibrancy of cultural democracy but because traditional politics is an increasingly unattractive activity.

The old model of representative democracy will no longer suffice: it cannot be synonymous with what we mean by political democracy. The transformation of cultural democracy points the way: its essential characteristic is the empowerment of the individual and his or her capacity for self-organisation. The political concomitant is direct democracy, not as a substitute for representative democracy but as its complement.

The British political class is traditionally hostile to referendums. But that is hardly surprising: referendums are a means of reducing the power of politicians and parties, encouraging a wider range of actors to participate in the political process and allowing the people a direct say in decision-making. We might describe it as a form of deregulation.

One of the standard objections to referendums is that voters will be insufficiently informed, or that they will be swayed by populist sentiment. The growth in cultural democracy and the obsolescence of the political world suggests exactly the opposite.

The crisis of politics, and by the same token of democracy, is not, for the most part, something to be regretted. On the contrary, it points to the inadequacy of political democracy and how it might be transformed into something both richer and less elitist. I would add one rider. Disillusionment in politics and politicians also carries with it dangers. The void may always be filled by populists and demagogues, especially at a time of acute uncertainty and depression. I am an optimist, but optimism carries with it no guarantees.

The author is former editor of Marxism Today.

First Lady sets her sights on tackling American violence

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

HILARY Clinton has deplored a new wave of killings in Washington and fuelled speculation that she might seek to tackle America's endemic violence once health care legislation is enacted.

There have already been 353 killings in Washington this year, mostly involving drugs and guns, and America's "murder capital" could well break its 1991 record of 489. Even a city that was shocked when a gunman sprayed a public swimming pool three months ago was truly horrified by last week's death of a four-year-old girl, shot while watching a neighbourhood football game.

Sharon Pratt Kelly, the Mayor of Washington, urged the deployment of the National Guard in poor areas that have become virtual battlegrounds. The city police department announced the creation of a new 150-member anti-drug task force, the latest in a string of initiatives that have singularly failed to arrest the city's downward spiral.

High schools have even installed metal detectors to keep guns out of the classrooms, but John Ray, a senior city council member, admitted: "We look defeated."

Mrs Clinton said in an interview on CNN: "It breaks my heart. To think that here at the seat of government, just blocks from where we sit, children are shot in drive-by shootings, people can't venture out of their houses and live behind ten deadbolts on their doors — it's an outrage. I'm really committed to doing something about violence in this society. I just can't stand it anymore. I just cannot bear to pick up another newspaper and read about another baby shot."

The violence in Washington and other cities was a "sick, sick symptom that we are out of control at so many levels of our society . . . we've just gone too far," she said. By not tackling the violence, "we have undermined the basic freedom and right to liberty of literally millions of people".

President Clinton is advocating tougher gun controls and his aides are devising a drugs strategy that is expected to conclude that the present emphasis on interdiction has largely failed.

Mrs Clinton was speaking at the end of a week in which she had dazzled a succession of congressional committees with her eloquent promotion of health care reform and rebuffed critics of her irrepressible activism. A Gallup poll last Friday gave her a 61 per cent approval rating and showed that a majority believed she was "smarter" than her husband.

It was a week in which Mrs Clinton expanded the boundaries of what a First Lady may or may not do. *The New York Times* called it "the official end of an era in which presidential wives pretended to know less than they did and to be advising less than they were".

Mrs Clinton chafed, however, at other restrictions on her life in the White House. In Arkansas she had been able to "get in my car with my daughter, go to a store or go to a mall, and spend a couple of hours wandering around having a good time".

In Washington, she was driven everywhere and constantly surrounded by security men. She kept her seven-year-old Oldsmobile at the White House and longed to drive it around and sing along to the radio. In fact, she had not driven it once since her husband's inauguration and the only people who used it were visiting friends.

"I'm kind of restricted from doing what I'd like to do," she lamented. "We try to have as normal a life as possible, but there's no denying that it's very different."

Washington: After meeting Admiral Frank Kelso at the weekend, Les Aspin, the American defence secretary, made no decision on a recommendation that the chief of naval operations should be dismissed for "leadership failure" over a sex abuse scandal, defence officials said. Admiral Kelso, 60, who was present, denies knowing that navy fliers sexually abused women at a convention of the Tailhook Association in Las Vegas two years ago. *(Reuter)*



Angry ANC supporters brandishing weapons at a funeral in Katlehong township, near Johannesburg, for four people killed in a shooting at a taxi rank

Comrade Winnie drops war wardrobe

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

Nobody was more surprised than the youthful audience when Winnie Mandela announced that the time for war talk was over. She declared that what was now needed was a co-ordinated campaign for reconstruction and against poverty.

Her speech at an African National Congress rally in Benoni, outside Johannesburg, last week drew catcalls and heckling. The cheers were reserved for Peter Mokaba, the fiery leader of the ANC youth league with whom she has shared many a platform, who talked of security police as President de Klerk's "dogs".

The one-time "mother of the nation" and estranged wife of Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, was quietly dressed in sober clothes instead of her customary designer combat fatigues.

Mrs Mandela, 59, has a new image, and a new public realtions man. Yussuf Asmal, a trendy South African Indian, is not a member of the ANC and is a fashion designer and beauty pageant organiser. He says: "I'm not a political animal at all, but fashion and politics have one thing in common; they change every season.

"Winnie, if you like, has changed her look for the new South Africa. I'm not here to change her image, she's done that herself."



Winnie Mandela: time for reconciliation

ANC goes canvassing for victory

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

ON A HOT spring day, half a dozen teams of comrades 50 to 100-strong sang and danced their way down the streets of Soshanguve, a black township 20 miles from Pretoria. They chanted cheery ditties of the armed struggle — "Early in the morning we fired our mortars and then went home", and "The Boers took our land: come on ANC, come and see."

Then they split up into pairs and, armed with canvass returns and pamphlets, went street by street to call on the mainly delighted, if mildly astonished and sometimes suspicious, residents.

The ANC region, which includes Johannesburg and Pretoria, has embarked on this series of campaign blitzes to encourage and teach the sub-regions how to do it. Amos Masondo, the regional organiser, said: "We are consolidating our support, fostering the spirit of solidarity, and passing on our experience. We are just providing the spark, providing enthusiasm, empowering the local people to do the same thing in their own areas." Every township home should be visited three times between now and April 27 when the historic all-race election is due.

This weekend marked the second blitz of the crusade in which canvassers attempt to assess ANC support, make sure everyone knows about the elections, and that they all have the appropriate identification cards that will enable them to vote. What the canvassers lack in experience they more than make up for in enthusiasm, although it may not be wise to place much value on the accuracy of any statistics produced this way.

The canvass proved virtually universal support for the ANC, though a certain number of voters still have not acquired their identity cards. Nobody spoke up for the Inkatha Freedom Party and nobody admitted any interest in the neighbouring Bophuthatswana government of President Lucas Mangope. But then, if four or five dozen enthusiasts came toyi-toying down your street, you might dissemble any contrary political sympathies. Section F of Soshanguve is a quiet suburb built of the usual township two-bedroom bungalows with corrugated asbestos roofs, and dirt roads. The houses we visited had vines to provide shade and grapes, and flowers in the gardens. But most were sparsely furnished, rarely redecorated, and squeaky clean.



Mangope: generating no obvious voter interest

Elizabeth Mabena complained: "They don't pay us enough in a month to keep us for two weeks."

Her plump 22-year-old neighbour, cuffing a pair of two-year-old twins, hoped that when the ANC formed the government they would have a better future and she would find work.

The two-woman team I accompanied asked at each house how many people were living there, and wrote it down on their canvass returns. It turned out later that in the 22-year-old's house, for example, they had counted not only her and her mother as voters but also her 11-year-old sister, the twins, and a five-year-old. Two voters were said to be certain to vote ANC. The other four were "doubtfuls".

NEWS IN BRIEF

Voters give verdict on Menem

Buenos Aires: Argentinians voted yesterday for half the 254 seats in the chamber of deputies, the lower house of Congress (Gabriella Gamini writes).

As they voted for congressmen and 6,600 provincial and municipal posts, they were also deciding whether President Menem's Justice Party could clinch the two-thirds majority it needs to push through reforms for his possible reelection. The constitution now only allows one consecutive five-year term.

Opinion polls show people do not like Señor Menem's plans to extend his powers.

Sonali killed

Washington: A Somali employee of the US military was killed and three marines were wounded, one seriously, in a blast in Mogadishu. *(Reuter)*

Memorial day

Mexico City: More than 100,000 people joined a peaceful march to commemorate the 25th anniversary of an anti-government uprising in which hundreds of students were massacred. *(AP)*

Police swoop

Paris: Police checked identity papers of 1,500 suspected illegal immigrants and drug dealers in two Paris districts overnight, the first operation under a tough new immigration law. *(Reuter)*

Caveman found

Washington: The skeletal remains of a 5ft 5in man, who died about 8,000 years ago, age 35 to 40, have been discovered in a cave 10,000ft up in the Colorado mountains.

Israel rejects Arafat protest

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL said yesterday that its security forces would continue to strike hard at guerrillas of Hamas, the Muslim fundamentalist group, despite protests from the Palestine Liberation Organisation that a crackdown in the Gaza Strip violated the spirit of last month's peace agreement.

Soldiers killed two leaders of the Hamas military wing on Saturday and arrested 16 Palestinians in the largest military operation since Israel and the PLO signed a historic agreement on self-rule for the occupied territories on September 13. Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, the housing minister, said: "We are ready to be flexible on many matters, but there is one thing on which we will be firm to the end and that is the issue of security."

Troops used rockets and helicopters in a drive against suspected militant hideouts in six areas, including the Sabra district of Gaza City. Six people were slightly injured by army gunfire during clashes on Saturday night after the sweeps ended, Palestinians reported. The army confirmed three of the injuries.

Ziad Abu Zayyad, a Palestinian peace talks adviser, said that Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, had written to Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, protesting about the army operations and calling for a halt to all arrests. "Chairman Arafat considers the Israeli campaign in the occupied territories and especially in Gaza a violation of the spirit of the Palestinian-Israeli accord," he said.

But Israeli officials said they were not troubled much by Mr Arafat's protest in view of Hamas's rivalry with the PLO and its bitter rejection of the peace agreement.

Bomb trial suspects to allege persecution

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

OPENING arguments begin today in the trial of four men accused of carrying out the bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York on February 26, which killed six people and injured more than 1,000 in Americans' first real taste of international terrorism on home soil.

The trial signals the start of a lengthy legal process in which 22 Islamic fundamentalists, allegedly headed by Shaikh Omar Abdel Rahman, the blind fundamentalist Muslim cleric, are accused of conspiring to "undermine the US government" by bombing buildings, bridges and tunnels in New York, and to assassinate prominent individuals, including President Mubarak of Egypt.

In a foretaste of what may come when the rest of the alleged Muslim terrorist cell is tried, lawyers for the defence will argue that their clients are the victims of religious persecution.

The current trial is expected to last between three and four months, and it may take at least a year before all 22 suspects are brought to court.

Experts shed light on sun god's road

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

ARCHAEOLOGISTS in Egypt have discovered the Horus Road of War, a strategic route used by pharonic armies marching to do battle with the Hittites and other ancient civilisations in what is now modern Israel, the occupied territories, Jordan, Syria and Iraq.

The historic military route, named after the Egyptian god of the sun, was uncovered in the Sinai Desert, the territory Israel handed back to Egypt in exchange for the 1979 peace treaty, which remains the only one yet signed between an Arab nation and the Jewish state. Experts say the find, made while Egyptologists were racing against time to excavate sites in the path of a planned canal that will carry water from the Nile eastwards to the Sinai, is the most significant since the peninsula was handed back.

Abdel-Halim Noureddine, chairman of the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation, said yesterday that archaeologists had also discovered a fortified town dating from the reign of the pharaoh Seti I around 1300BC. The fort, which is some 400 yards long and 200 yards wide, is the largest of its kind yet discovered intact.



Found near the modern town of El Qantara, the fort lies about 16 miles to the east of the Suez Canal. "It was the starting point for Egyptian armies heading east. From it we can map out the Horus Road of War that used to link Egypt and Palestine," Mr Noureddine said.

During their 3,000-year history, Egypt's pharaohs often led their armies across the barren and inhospitable Sinai to the Near East to wage war. Ramses II, a great commander who built the spectacular Abu Simbel temple in upper Egypt, was nearly killed in about 1280BC in one such engagement at the town of Kadesh, which is in what is now Syria.

In addition to unearthing the route that took so many ancient Egyptians to war, the excavators had also discovered a burial site near Tel Hassan Daoud in the eastern Nile delta, Mr Noureddine disclosed. He said the burial ground dated from before the beginning of the pharaonic era in 3200BC and was also the largest of its kind. The find, which lies between the modern delta towns of Ismailia and Zagazig, includes 514 tombs, many containing full skeletons. Also found in the tombs were pottery, jewellery and brass hooks of the kind used by ancient Egyptian fishermen.

It added that there were also animal graves, including one for a cow representing the goddess Hathour. One tomb contained both a cow and a man, prefiguring such later pharaohs as Amenhotep II and Queen Hatshepsut, who were portrayed suckling cows.

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Adrenalin, vodka and grievance fuel opposition in slide towards Russian civil war

Yeltsin's grip slips as hardliners seize crucial territory

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

■ Lenin's "sleepers", who join the fray of revolution late on, have taken to the streets and stirred the president from his dacha

ON A day of mayhem and violence heralding the greatest risk yet to civil peace in Russia, President Yeltsin's opponents won a symbolic and strategic victory yesterday when interior ministry troops and police surrendered control of the mayor of Moscow's office and the environs of the White House.

Wild outbreaks of gunfire, panicking crowds and triumphal opposition marches through the city were clear evidence that Mr Yeltsin's grip on the country's political crisis is slipping.

With workers in the mayor's office emerging trembling and bruised from beatings by their captors, a cloud of tear gas hanging over the main shopping boulevard, and columns of activists marching on the headquarters of state television to try to seize control, central Moscow yesterday resembled some post-coup scene in a banana republic.

The turn of events is the worst possible for President Yeltsin, who has assured his countrymen and the West that he will end the Russian power struggle without bloodshed, and has repeatedly insisted that his government remains in control despite the tense stand-off in the wake of his dissolution of parliament.

There was, however, scant sign of the leadership's authority yesterday. Troops and police fired above the heads of the crowd with orders being shouted by dishevelled unit commanders, who appeared at a loss about how to handle the protesters.

Inspired by a mixture of grievance, adrenalin and vodka, the crowds broke through the vast cordon around the headquarters of the Supreme Soviet. Incredibly Mr Yeltsin had left Moscow for a weekend at his country dacha so that, until he returned later, there was no presidential presence and no statement on the violence for most of the day. A state of emergency was declared just before 6pm, consolidating the impression that the Kremlin was limping along hours behind events in the street.

The sudden increase in the numbers of protesters must alarm the Yeltsin team, which has so far sought to portray the opposition as a marginal rump of hysterical old-timers. At the height of the clashes yesterday, however, some 15,000 people of all ages were on the streets, charging and jostling the security forces.

The shift in the balance of forces this weekend has been frighteningly fast and now seems to have a destructive momentum of its own. The parliamentary cause, which aroused little interest, let alone support, among Muscovites when the crisis began, now has a seething energy. There is no such surge on the presidential side. Lenin's "sleepers", citizens who are dormant until the revolutionary moment but then stream out of their private worlds to join the fray, have been caught up in the energy of the dissenters. Mr Yeltsin will find it extremely difficult to reverse the tide.

Troops and police failed to put up much resistance when their lines were charged. This was in part because of their lack of experience in dealing with violent uprisings. Their training in the days of Soviet power, when dissent was virtually unheard of, never prepared them to expect to face the wrath of their own countrymen.

But Mr Yeltsin may also have pushed their loyalty beyond breaking point. Many, drafted in from the provinces, do not identify with the crisis, and the growing unease among those manning the cordons around the White House as protesters accused them of treachery was clear even before the weekend fighting.

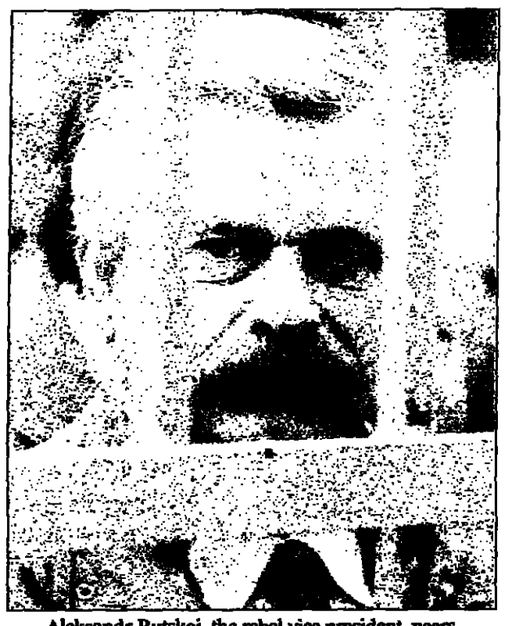
The direction that the Russian leader takes from here is uncertain. The fact that his emergency decree was not backed by any concrete proposals to quell the street combat suggests that he does not yet have a blueprint for action. It would now take a huge effort of military organisation and combined will to quell the demonstrators, and it is unlikely that they can be subdued without a bloodbath.

This is the moment when Mr Yeltsin's fate will begin to be decided. He is unlikely to survive any escalation of bloodshed, and Western governments will also have to do some rapid thinking on how far they are prepared to support a total clampdown now that the decisive hour has struck in post-communist Russia.

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A woman kisses the hand of Aleksii II, the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, who held a mass for peace before the opposition's victory yesterday over President Yeltsin



Aleksandr Rutskoi, the rebel vice-president, peers through the fence outside the Moscow parliament

Moscow clashes test loyalty of armed forces

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

RUSSIAN troops' loyalty was fully put to the test yesterday after a second day of rioting in Moscow. How long they will be prepared to shed civilian blood in the name of President Yeltsin is the key issue.

For the moment, the task of keeping order and controlling the increasingly desperate and violent hardline opposition has been given to the interior ministry forces, in particular to the 2,000 to 3,000 Omon troops, the special riot control militia.

In the earlier part of the day, it appeared that the regular army units around Moscow, the Taman motor rifle division, the Kantemir tank division, the 119th airborne regiment, and the 106th airborne division at Tula to the south, had been kept away from the capital, but later reports suggested that they had been mobilised and tanks were approaching the city centre.

Elements of the Dzerzhinsky division to the east of Moscow at Balashika, formerly KGB troops, were on the move. Lorryloads of soldiers were in Moscow and the dozen armoured personnel carriers seen in the capital over the weekend were believed to be from the division.

The spotlight yesterday was on the Omon troops. These units — similar to well-armed Western riot police — were set up in the late 1980s in the final years of the Soviet Union to deal with unrest in areas such as the Baltic republics. They acquired a reputation for undisciplined thuggery. There was a notorious incident in Riga, the Latvian capital, in January 1991 when Omon troops stormed a ministry building and killed five civilians.

Michael Orr, an expert on Russian forces at the Sandhurst military academy, said that Omon resented the role they had been given and were inadequately trained for the job of quelling riots.

Their failure to control the hardline anti-Yeltsin faction yesterday was more a result of incompetence than because they were switching sides. However, there was some evidence that interior ministry troops were swapping loyalties and former Omon members are believed to be among those inside the Russian parliament building.

The key issue of loyalty in the armed forces has always rested on the ability of the Yeltsin camp to win the power struggle without shedding blood. For the troops whose loyalties may be questionable, the signals from the Kremlin have been confusing. Mr Yeltsin promised that he would not resolve the political battle with his rival, Aleksandr Rutskoi, the suspended vice-president, by force. Ultimatums to the deputies to leave the White House have come and gone. Unused to witnessing riots in Moscow, the interior ministry troops have appeared hesitant and poorly led.

Despite the failure of the Omon troops and the growing level of violence in Moscow, there is no evidence yet that a split is developing within the Russian armed forces. In the two weeks since Mr Yeltsin dissolved parliament, none of the military districts or divisional military councils has come out in support of Mr Rutskoi. However, if the level of bloodshed were to rise dramatically in the next few weeks, the pro-Yeltsin support among the troops could begin to fracture.

The sight of Omon troops running away from the rampaging crowd of demonstrators yesterday underlined the dilemma facing the riot control militia. In the early days of their formation they would have opened fire instinctively. If they were deployed to the Caucasus region or the Baltic states, they would probably still resort to their weapons to quell unrest.

In the streets of Moscow, their instincts have had to be curbed. They do not want to be held responsible for shooting their fellow Russians.

Their defeat at the hands of the mob could force Mr Yeltsin to call in the regular army units to restore order.

Victorious Abkhazian army settles old scores in an orgy of looting

From Anatol Lieven in sukhumi

GEORGIAN rebels seized two more towns yesterday in their campaign to drive Eduard Shevardnadze from power, a day after taking over the key port city of Poti on the Black Sea coast. Forces loyal to the ousted president, Zviad Gamsakhurdia, marched without much resistance into Khoni and Vani, both near Kutaisi, almost 150 miles west of Tbilisi, the capital. The towns are strategic mainly because they are near Kutaisi, the nation's second largest city. Its loss could deprive Mr Shevardnadze of an important base in western Georgia. The conflict is in addition to that which Georgian forces are waging against separatists in the coastal region of Abkhazia.

WITH the Georgian army in Abkhazia defeated and demoralised, the victorious Abkhazians and their allies have embarked on an orgy of looting and ethnic cleansing against the defeated Georgian population.

Most of the Abkhazian population seems to be on the move, looting Georgian settlements and returning with the spoils. More looters are coming down from the Russian resort town of Sochi, just up the coast. At Sukhumi a traffic jam built up as the two columns passed each other.

Returning north, I saw one heavy truck pulling a string of four captured cars, a donkey cart loaded with a three-piece suite and a refrigerator, and a tiny old woman pushing an enormous cupboard on a wheelbarrow. "Hurry up — they'll be nothing left," our Abkhazian guide shouted cheerfully at some latecomers heading south.

This is traditional Caucasian warfare with a vengeance. The herds of captured Georgian animals being driven back to Abkhazian farms made it look like an medieval cattle raid. The Abkhazians see nothing wrong in this. "You should see how the Georgian troops looted and burned our villages when they captured them," is their answer to criticism.

The Georgian army did indeed acquire a vile reputation for attacks on civilians during its stay in Abkhazia. Most local Georgians have fled. Those who remain are in fear of their lives and are begging international organisations to evacuate them.

The last Georgian-held region of Abkhazia, Western Svanetsky, seemes bound to fall in the next few days, setting off a new wave of refugees to join the tens of thousands who have already fled into Georgia itself.

The Georgian army is now past serious fighting — except perhaps among itself — in the growing civil war between the remnants of Eduard Shevardnadze's forces and those of Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the ousted president. A counteroffensive against the Abkhazians seems impossible.

In south Abkhazia, the Abkhazian forces are now drawn up all along the Inguri River, the frontier between the now practically independent Abkhazian Autonomous Republic and Georgia proper. As each new group of Abkhazian fighters reaches the border, they fire their guns in celebration.

They have have a lot to celebrate. The Abkhazian victory owes much to covert Russian military aid and to numerous Caucasian and "Cossack" volunteers. Most of the front-line fighters, however, seem to have been Abkhazian, and this victory of a nation of 100,000 people against a nation of three million is striking.

On the Georgian side of the Inguri complete political and military confusion reigns. There is no front line. We drove through it without realising and only stopped when we reached the Abkhaz lines on the other side. The handful of tanks and guns left after the Georgian military disaster in Abkhazia are pointed down the road into Georgia, in an ominous sign of impending civil war. Around the demoralised troops are thousands of civilian refugees, camped in a sea of mud.

The majority of them are unlikely ever to return to their homes in Abkhazia. The Abkhazian government says Georgian civilians can do so as long as they did not commit war crimes, but ordinary Abkhazian soldiers make no secret of their determination to prevent any Georgians from returning.

Before the war, some 44 per cent of Abkhazia's population, or more than 200,000 people, were ethnic Georgians. Their flight means that several large Abkhazian towns have become virtual ghost towns, in which abandoned animals scavenge for food and Abkhazian soldiers and civilians scavenge for loot.

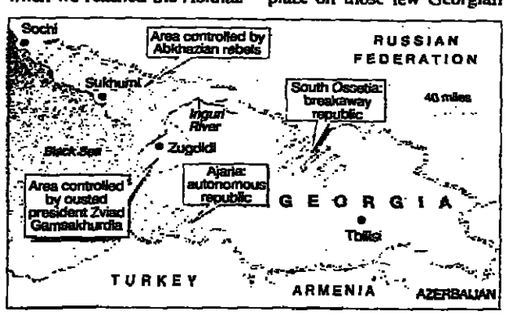
Serious physical attacks now also seem to be taking place on those few Georgian civilians who tried to remain in their homes. According to Brigadier General John Hvidgaard, the chief United Nations observer in Sukhumi: "My impression is that old accounts are being settled. Every night you can see new fires and hear shooting, not caused by fighting. Two nights ago, the people in the next house to ours were attacked. Soldiers burst in and threatened to kill everyone not of Abkhazian nationality. This continued for four hours."

The Abkhazians themselves suffered terribly in the war, and are now obviously taking revenge. A Georgian housewife from Sukhumi, Ima Todua, described what happened to her family: "Our Abkhazian neighbours came to us with guns, threatened to kill us and rape us and ordered us out on the spot. They took the keys, and said 'Go to your Shevardnadze'. They wouldn't let us take a single thing with us. With many of our neighbours it also happened like that."

Mrs Todua is one of dozens of panic-stricken Georgians camped in the buildings of the Russian military sanitorium in Sukhumi. At the moment, Russian soldiers are protecting them from the Abkhazians, but the Russians have no love for Georgians and have threatened to expel them after five days. The United Nations and Red Cross missions are based in the sanitorium, and the refugees have been frantically begging them for help and if possible evacuation, so far without success.

The Georgians in the sanatorium described numerous cases of killings of civilians by Abkhazian soldiers and their north Caucasian allies. In some cases, this seems to be revenge by neighbours who know that sons of these families fought on the Georgian side.

Nona Mishviladze, a bank clerk, said that her husband and a neighbour were shot dead in their homes by Abkhazian soldiers three days ago. She was saved by Russian neighbours.





Irma: likely to remain on a ventilator

Irma not expected to walk again

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

IRMA Hadzimuratovic, the five-year-old Bosnian girl who suffered shrapnel injuries to her spine and abdomen and was evacuated to Britain after international publicity about her plight, is not expected to walk again, a spokesman for Great Ormond Street Hospital in London said at the weekend. She is expected to remain on a ventilator "for the foreseeable future".

In Bosnia yesterday, gunmen loyal to Alija Izetbegovic, the Muslim president, yesterday stormed a radio station and shot dead a policeman inside while trying to suppress rebellious Muslims, local officials said. The shooting was the first confirmed death in Bihac since anti-Izetbegovic Muslims declared independence in the northwestern enclave bordering Croatia last week.

The Bosnian Serbs have meanwhile withdrawn all territorial concessions made to their Muslim foes during months of negotiations. Their self-declared assembly was reacting to the virtual rejection of the partition plan by the predominantly Muslim Bosnian parliament last week.

In Sarajevo, health officials declared an epidemic of Hepatitis A affecting two areas of the city.

Mitsotakis faces Herculean task to win second term

FROM TOM RHODES IN SALONIKA

When Constantine Mitsotakis, the outgoing prime minister of Greece, mounted the podium for his keynote rally in Salonika this weekend, the applause was adulatory.

For almost two miles in front of him, lit by arc lights, some 300,000 supporters of his New Democracy Party crowded on to the seafront of Greece's second city in an impressive display of public support. Greece has a tradition of political rallies — a heritage of democracy, which, they say, is part of the national subconscious. Despite the flags and torches, however, Mr Mitsotakis faces a Herculean task of persuading a disaffected electorate that he is the right man for a second term in office.

Known to his supporters as *O Psilos*, (The Tall One) — he is a towering 6ft 4in — Mr Mitsotakis, 75, has the reputation of being a pragmatist. His speech on Saturday showed his gift as an orator, but he has never evoked the almost hysterical devotion that Andreas Papandreou, leader of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) inspires.

While Mr Mitsotakis may have been encouraged by the display in Salonika, the picture is rather different in the rest of the country. Less than a week before the election next Sunday opinion pollsters suggest that New Democracy is catching up its old rival but that Pasok will be at least five points ahead on the day. This would be enough for Pasok to form a government.

Not since the collapse of the military junta in 1974 has Greece faced such a significant vote. Instability in the former Yugoslavia and strained relations with Albania and the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia have once again forced the Greeks to recognise their status as a Balkan nation. More significant to the vote on Sunday, Greece remains the poorest member of the EC with the lowest rates of productivity, the highest inflation (at 14.5 per cent) and the largest external debt. Greece already gets £7 million a day from the EC and on current estimates will receive £20 billion over the next five years.

Throughout his term, Mr Mitsotakis has followed an increasingly unpopular policy of austerity to bring his country back into line. He told *The Times* that Greece was now turning the economic corner and that his party would be in a position to change the austerity package by the beginning of next year.

"The most important factor in the economy is credibility. With Papandreou we cannot have that credibility," he said. "He is against foreign investment now."

Mr Mitsotakis made much of Mr Papandreou's ill health. Rumour has it that the 75-year-old Pasok leader is incapable of conducting more than one hour's work a day, hardly a qualification for the punishing schedule demanded by the EC presidency.

But despite the continued attacks, the cult of personality and a perceived need for change among the electorate, more than the policies themselves, may dictate the outcome next weekend.



Mitsotakis: austerity plan cost him support

Kohl and Delors fête German unification

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT Kohl, the chancellor, tried to make the third anniversary of unification into a European event by inviting Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, to make the keynote speech at a grand celebration.

The aim was partly to reassure those of Germany's neighbours who believe that Bonn is retreating from its 1990 promise to Europeanise Germany rather than Germanise Europe. Herr Kohl believes that he now has a European Community consensus for setting up the future European central bank in Berlin. That would help to convince east Germans that the EC has something concrete to offer them.

In the run-up to the Constitutional Court decision, due a week tomorrow, as to whether Bonn will be allowed to ratify the Maastricht treaty, German Euro-skeptics have gained considerable ground. M Delors' task was therefore to persuade Germans that unification was worth the personal sacrifice, and to assure them that European and German integration should be part of the same process.

"National interest, European duty and global responsibilities, have to be brought together," M Delors said in Saarbrücken. Germany should not slump into despair over the huge task of unification, he said. "The public picture of the complaining German is, I am sure, far from the truth."

In a speech yesterday, Herr Kohl said Germany's unification would cost more and take longer than planned.

☐ **Presidential candidate:** Steffen Heitmann, an east German Christian Democrat criticised for his views that Germans should put the Nazi holocaust behind them, was officially chosen as the presidential candidate of Herr Kohl's party. *(Reuter)*

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Troops seal off Indian quake zone to counter looters

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN SASTUR

■ Vultures and their human counterparts have descended as work continues to dispose of the dead, perhaps fewer than the 30,000 first estimated, and to aid the living

INDIAN security forces yesterday began closing off areas of western India that were devastated by last week's earthquake, as swarms of looters, volunteers and sightsees flooded the region, hampering relief efforts.

The army's largest peacetime operation was being hindered in the task of digging out the dead, searching for survivors and feeding the destitute. By now, it is a forlorn hope that anybody will be found alive: the soldiers' main task is to retrieve thousands of bodies buried beneath mud and rocks. Lieutenant-Colonel Vijay Gaikwad said: "We are stopping people because there are too many onlookers, thieves and well-meaning but untrained helpers."

Rain lashed the area yesterday, turning roads into bogs and soaking wood pyres so they would not light. Many relatives became hysterical as they searched in vain for kindling to get the fires going. Vultures and packs of stray dogs moved in.

About 10,000 bodies have been recovered; 20,000 more may may still be in the mud, although officials are beginning to say that the toll may be lower than the 30,000 previously estimated. N. Raghunathan, the chief secretary of Maharashtra state, said in Bombay: "The death toll could have been exaggerated earlier because the size of the disaster overwhelmed people and many got emotionally carried away. The total should not go above 22,000."

Tent cities sprouted over the countryside as the work got under way, tardily but on a scale befitting the world's third largest army. The narrow roads leading into this southeastern corner of Maharashtra were crammed with army vehicles carrying bulldozers, earthmovers and cranes — an operation fulfilling the government's pledge to *move on a "war footing"*.

Police erected road blocks up to 50 miles away to halt sightseers and unwanted volunteers who have besieged the area in buses, lorries and tractors, making it difficult for the army and relief agencies to get through. Hundreds of thousands defied appeals to stay away, sharing food and water *meant for the homeless, and tying up the police in* crowd control. Politicians arrived in cars full of bodyguards. P. V. Narasimha Rao, the prime minister, says he will come when it stops raining.

Mud clings to everything. An irrigation department tanker, bringing fresh water, skewed at an angle across the road in the centre of the shattered village of Khilari, *damming the surging river of* people and vehicles.

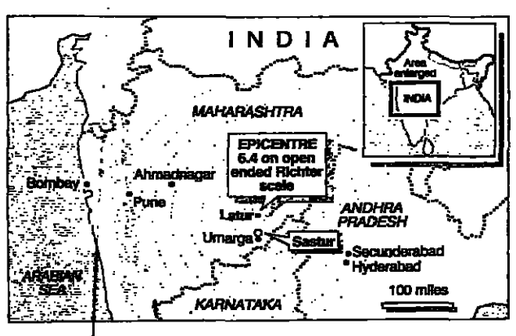
Rural hospitals, usually with no more than 30 beds, have been set up and are packed with survivors. At the hospital in Ausa, 20 miles from the disaster zone, people swathed in bandages sleep on floors and in outbuildings. "We are letting them stay because they are homeless," said Dr P. H. Diojode, the medical superintendent.

There is only one orphanage in the region, with no more than 100 places. Dr Diojode has treated many children *who lost both parents. He* described them as numb and unable to cry. Most would eventually be taken in by relatives.

Two further tremors over the weekend threw people into panic. There were no injuries, because there are no buildings left to collapse. The government, overwhelmed by offers of international aid, has agreed to relax its traditional policy of self-help although it is declining most offers of foreign manpower. The greatest need is not for clothes and medicines, which are in ample supply, but for cash for rehabilitation.



A team of oxen struggling to pull a cart being used to remove corpses from the rubble of Khilari, western India, the epicentre of the earthquake. Rain, looters, sightseers and unwanted volunteers have hampered rescue and relief efforts since the disaster last week



Aid pledges pour in from the West

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN sent a relief plane carrying tents, blankets and plastic sheeting to the Indian earthquake zone yesterday. The flight of the Latvian cargo aircraft, chartered by the Overseas Development Administration, brought the government's contribution to the disaster relief programme to more than £800,000.

Britain has already provided £450,000 in cash and medical supplies, including X-ray film and trauma medicines. A second relief flight is planned for tomorrow.

Generally, India shuns foreign aid in times of natural disaster, but made an exception after the worst earthquake to hit the country in half a century. In Geneva, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies yesterday launched an £2.1 million appeal for distributing aid in the coming week and supporting community rehabilitation projects.

In The Hague, Jan Pronk, the Dutch development minister, said The Netherlands would give £1 million in aid. The United Nations said that more than £3.6 million had been pledged by Saturday to help the survivors. America has given £2.6 million, Italy £230,000, Norway £126,000, France £61,000, the Red Cross and Red Crescent societies £100,000 and Austria £61,000. In Brussels, the Médecins sans Frontières charity said it was sending 40 tonnes of medical equipment and a medical team.

Pakistan said it would send two planeloads of medicines and other relief goods, while Bangladesh also offered aid.

Bhutto edges ahead in election run-up

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN IN KARACHI

BENAZIR Bhutto drew thunderous applause from more than 20,000 people as she addressed her last campaign rally before the general election on Wednesday. "We are coming back to power," the former prime minister told the meeting in the Karachi slum district of Lyari.

Opinion polls put her Pakistan People's Party marginally ahead of its main rival, the Pakistan Muslim League, led by Mian Nawaz Sharif, another former prime minister. In an opinion poll for *Newsline*, Pakistan's leading magazine, 34 per cent supported Miss Bhutto's PPP while 31 per cent backed the league. But polls have also indicated that up to 85 per cent want the interim government led by Moeen Qureshi to stay in power. The country will be going to the polls for the third time in five years with little expectation that the new assembly will complete its five-year term or provide political stability. Although the left-of-centre PPP is likely to emerge as the single largest party, it is unlikely to be able to win a clear majority.

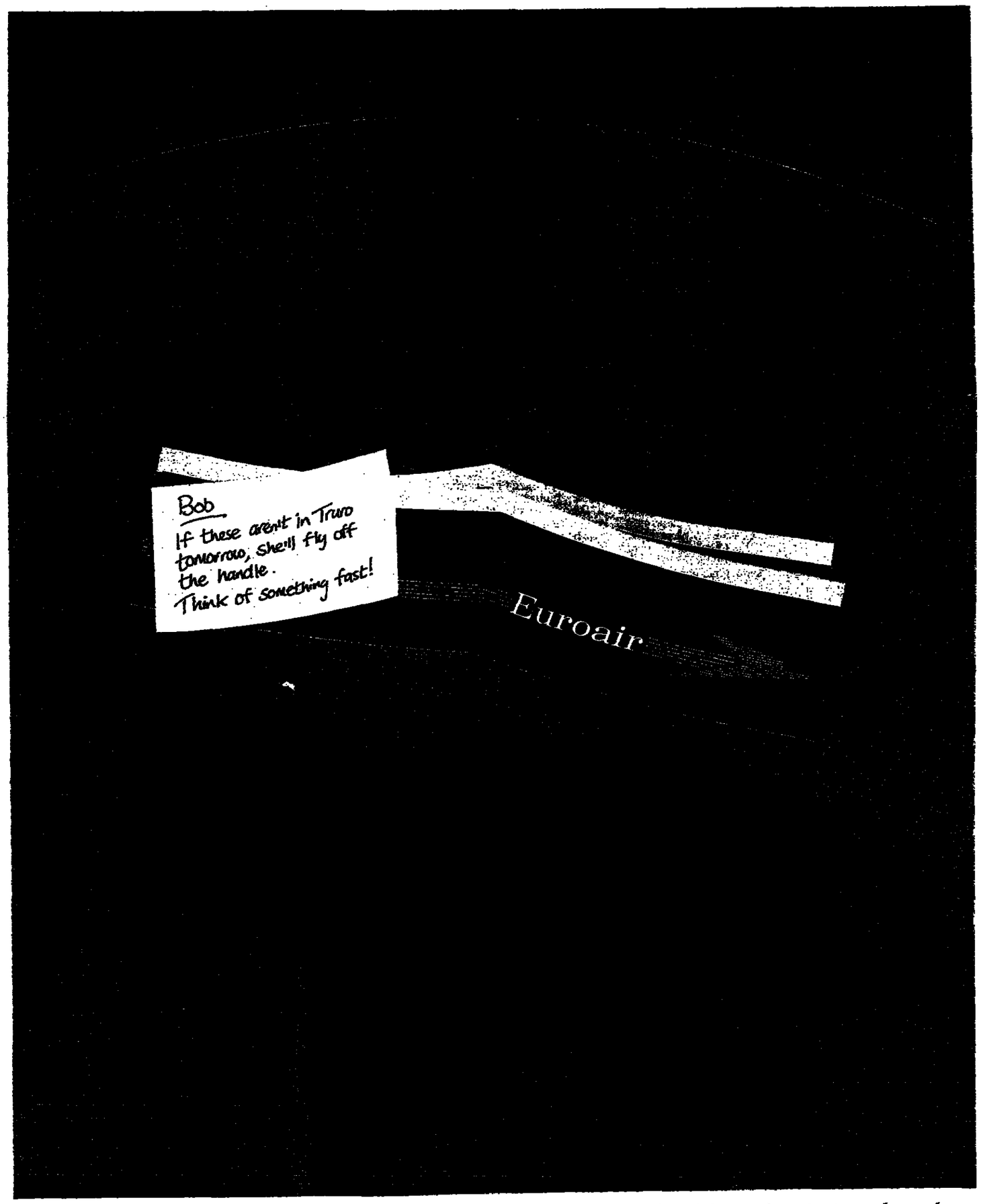
Divisions have considerably weakened Mr Sharif's chances of returning to power. His erstwhile ally, the Pakistan Islamic Front, a fundamentalist organisation, has put up its own candidates in almost 60 seats in Punjab province.

The caretaker government was installed on July 18 to supervise the election. Mr Qureshi's economic policies have narrowed the budget deficit and reduced inflation. He has banned politicians who have defaulted on bank loans from participating in the elections and cracked down on drug traffickers.

The run-up to the elections has been marred by violence in which about 50 people have died. Two people were killed and another injured yesterday when a gunman shot at a PPP candidate, Malik Bashir Awan, at a rally in Khushab in Punjab. Mr Awan escaped unhurt.



Bhutto: unlikely to win a clear majority



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The cheerful face of army life . . . wives of men serving with the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars celebrating in 1991 after hearing that the campaign in Kuwait was over

Give that army wife a medal

Service marriages are breaking up, but the spirit that won an empire will not be quenched, says **Julia Llewellyn Smith**

Everyone knows what an army wife is like. A thick-legged woman who, "furnished and burnished by Aldershot sun", plays effortless games of tennis, in the same way that she runs the rest of her life — just like Betjeman's Joan Hunter Dunn.

Army wives stiffen their lips, pack their husbands off to war with a cheery "Goodbyee", despatch their children to (army-subsidised) boarding school in much the same way, and settle down to carefree days of gossiping around the swimming pool.

What army wives do *not* do is whinge. So in some quarters there must have been discreet tut-tuttings when the Federation of Army Wives announced at its annual conference last week in Bielefeld, Germany, that wives' morale was extremely low. Where was the brave face that won us our empire?

Hear the statistics, however, and you might start to feel sympathetic. Army marriages are thought to be breaking up at a rate of nearly twice the national average. Captain Anthony Oglesby, of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA), says: "Our marriage guidance counsellors and social workers have noticed an alarming upturn in people seeking help."

Recently the public was shocked to learn that Colonel Bob Stewart, who had nightly defied the Bosnian Serbs on our television screens, was leaving his wife, *Lizzie*, supposedly for his interpreter. Meanwhile his right-hand-man, Regimental Sergeant Major Charlie Stevens, returned to Germany to find that his wife, Connie, was involved in an affair with an army officer. RSM Stevens and his wife have since returned to Britain.

The increase in people seeking help is one of the unexpected results of the end of the Cold War. In anticipation of a new era of world peace, the army began to reduce its manpower. Since the Options for Change programme was introduced in 1990, 18,000 soldiers, most of whom expected to be with the army for life, have been made compulsorily redundant.

At the same time, however, new conflicts such as the one in Bosnia have mushroomed. With the need to cover more trouble spots, soldiers are spending less and less time with their wives.

Servicemen are regularly being sent on six-month tours to places such as Bosnia and Northern Ireland. In between missions, they are supposed to have at least 24 months at home. Recently, however, men based in Germany have been lucky to get a few months with their families before they are despatched again.

Meanwhile, the women are home alone. Judy Newell, the chairwoman of the army wives' federation in Germany, says: "We are seeing very little of our husbands and things are very hard, especially for young wives with small children. Every night their hearts lurch when they watch their husbands under fire in Bosnia.

"This is combined with the knowledge that housing and jobs may be very difficult to find when they return to the UK. They are away from home and can't discuss their problems with their families."

According to Mrs Newell, much of the problem is that many of her members are very young. "Soldiers approaching a tour of duties overseas frequently rush into marriage so as not to be separated from their girl friends," she says. "It's frowned upon to live together in the army, so if you move in with your girl friend in England and are then sent to Germany, you either split up or get married. Others marry so they can have army quarters rather than live in barracks."

Most brides are quite naive about their future. "Courting an officer is very glamorous," says Anna, a former army wife. "There are lots of balls and men in dashing uniform. People say 'Why did you join if you couldn't take the pressure?', but have no idea about the sacrifices involved."

The sacrifices — apart from the threat of possible redundancy — are many. Mrs Newell has moved 18 times in her 23-year marriage, and both her sons were educated in boarding schools. "That was very unsatisfactory for me, but no child could bear as many as 15 changes of school."

Other wives give up hard-built careers to stand by their men. Their new role is one that fewer women today relish. "Army wives are very much bag and baggage, necessary at some stages for social functions, but not at others," Anna says. "If they speak out they are very aware they may be harming their husband's prospects."

Jobs for wives in the forces are getting fewer and the opportunities for professional women are fewer still. The Federation of Army Wives is attempting to change this, by drawing up a register of professionals whose skills the army could use.

For those who leave the fold, life can be even bleaker. Vanessa King found herself an "irregular occupant" in married quarters when her marriage broke up and her husband returned to barracks. Her rent doubled, she was faced with the novelty of council tax and water rates bills and her social life collapsed. "I was allowed into the community centre only if invited by someone," she says.

Never fear, however, that the spirit of Miss Hunter Dunn is being lost in a tide of social realism. "You travel the world, you get lots of perks, it is a good life," Mrs Newell says. And in the uncertain future? "We shall just have to take it in our stride as we always do."

A beard has set alarm bells ringing

Let's make dress sense

AN INDUSTRIAL tribunal in Reading is brooding on beardism. Steve Gilbert was rejected by an American-owned company because the management said: "We don't employ people with beards." The company defended its policy, not uncommon in American corporations, by saying that while it gives exemptions on religious and medical grounds, its employees should know that beardlessness was "in their interests and the interests of the company". Mr Gilbert, who by pleasant irony looks not unlike Abe Lincoln, defended himself with spirit, reading from the Bible the passage about tarrying at Jericho until your beards be grown. "A better piece of advice", he said ringingly, "I could not give United Parcels." Which ranks in surreal glory with the recent letter in this newspaper stating: "As a gynaecologist I wear a bow tie for convenience."



LIBBY PURVES

Meanwhile, in another part of the tribunal forest, Lisa Cresswell is celebrating her award of £4,600 after the shameful affair in which she was fired for persistently wearing trousers. The ban was, so the tribunal heard, imposed on the grounds that if she wore them it would encourage another, fatter colleague to do the same, and she would look "horrendous".

I chose that word "shameful" for a clutch of reasons: partly because I like to stand up for the right of every woman to look horrendous (men often do, after all, and nobody forces them to wear jellabas). Mainly, though, I was shocked because the employer concerned is a charity, of all things. Its chairman, pleading poverty, said it survives through street collections "by handicapped people, mostly in wheelchairs". I am sure it does good work; but would have hoped that any organisation purporting to respect the human rights enshrined in every human body, however defective, would be above worrying about its workers' backsides. Even if they are horrendous. If I were out on the streets with its tin, frankly, I would vote with my wheels. There must be charities whose managers see life from a slightly higher viewpoint.

These cases chime together, with a whole peal of other alarm bells, including the furore about nurses' uniforms and whether they shall ply their underpaid, overheated and heroic trade in frills and puff sleeves or tunics and trousers. The sensible way to decide this is by a poll of the nurses; the non-sensible way is to let committees bang on about authority, tradition and the inalienable right of male patients to be cheered up by a bit of leg.

These skirmishes are constantly fought along the borders of employment, and they are worth watching. It is obvious that employers have the right to insist on reasonable tidiness; equally obvious that if you sign on to wear a uniform, you wear it correctly. But beyond that, in the civilian office world their moral right is very questionable indeed. It may be fun, and a nice boost to the managerial ego, to have your human property complementing your smart office furniture; but it does not show much understanding of human dignity, diversity and creativity. I am delighted that the beard question has now broken the surface: it helps steer the argument away from issues of sex and on to the ground where it really belongs. This is not a sex discrimination issue: it is a question of how many of an individual's rights an employer is buying.

I meet many women who dare not wear trousers at work; a few who even feel constrained to a particular house style of short-skirt-high-heels-and-tailored-jacket. Men tend to argue that this is justifiable, but bring beards in and the issue gets clearer. I have a friend whose husband has been a neatly bearded and conscientious worker for 17 years. New American owners have ordered the beard off. He has a young family and times are hard; last week, he shaved. Reports are that his wife, who had never seen him beardless, hates the result. I cannot quote her directly, since even I balk at phoning a fellow-creature on a Sunday morning to ask precisely how awful her husband looks. Use your imagination. Chins are very revealing things. But even if the fate is OK, think of the violence such a sudden, radical change must cause to your image of yourself and your family's image of you: have employers really got rights over something so intimate?

I WEAR trousers and cardigans and flat shoes for reasons not dissimilar to those which make men wear beards. I just feel better: loose, flexible, free to hop over a wall or slither down a slope. In girlie shoes and straight skirts I feel slower, weaker, more inclined to lean on a male arm and prone to fall over. So I wear them at parties, where such things are a positive asset. But not at work.

Some women feel differently and love their clacking heels; good for them. But if an employer forced me into clothes that made me uneasy, I doubt they would get the usual 120 per cent effort out of me. Anyone currently devising a corporate dress code would do well to think about this: do you want the icing, chaps, or the cake?

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On the toast rack

Bride's lists might be anachronistic, but even royals have them

When Lady Helen Windsor married Tim Taylor last year, guests were surprised to receive a 26-page wedding list slipped in with the stiffy. Other marrieds-to-be are more discreet about their consumer desires, including Viscount Linley and Serena Stanhope, who will wed this Friday. Lackeys have let it be known, in an off-the-record, suitably royal sort of way, that their list is at Thomas Goodes in Mayfair — only, of course, to those who have asked.



RACHEL KELLY

There are, it seems, no longer any rules about how to behave. Some, like the model Lisa Butcher, who was married briefly to the mercurial chef Marco Pierre White, feel that lists are mercenary. "I don't think people should be obliged to spend beyond their means," Ms Butcher said at the time. Annabelle Whitestone, who married Lord Weidenfeld last year, was equally dismissive. "We felt at our age it was almost indecent." Not for them the more brazen Windsor/Taylor approach.

Oh dear. It used to be so simple, when girls were merely extra mouths to feed and men had to be wooed with dowries to do the feeding. (As is still the case, of course, in much of the rest of the world: one thinks of Indian rickshaw wallahs breaking their health to pay for their daughters' weddings.)

In the Middle Ages, it was a case of loading up with jewels and embroidered cloth to decorate what had become a rather more sophisticated home than a mud hut. By Victorian times, women spent their evenings embroidering linen and cloth to create their own dowries. Then came the trousseau: linen for the table and beds, a dinner service, crystal glass, and a new wardrobe so that the new husband would not immediately have to provide pin-money for a winter coat or some new knickers. Now we have the Bride's Book department at Peter Jones.

Yet even that seems rather out of date. In a world where many couples live together before marriage and the bride works, the notion that it is the "bride's list", and it is she who will decorate the marital nest, is outdated. Most other stores now talk of their "wedding list service".

So should one or shouldn't one? For all that lists are a vestigial survival of a primitive past, and couples may already have their own sheets, lists can provide token symbols of support and friendship in the new household.

The advent of computerised shopping will no doubt simplify the process still further, and even provide customised thank-you letters for the grateful newly-weds.

Somehow, I'm sure, technology may even provide a solution to what remains the only tricky point: how to let your friends know you have a list in the first place. If only we all had the royal lackeys that surround Lord Linley and his wife-to-be.

"Yes, you've got a wife who's ever [illegible]"



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A style guide for the woman who simply wants something nice for the office

You can always suit yourself



Grey checked jacket, £239, matching long skirt, £119: Rodier, 106 Brompton Road, SW1; 1 Swan Street, Wilmslow, Cheshire: Unit 28, The Galleria, Hatfield, Hertfordshire. Btush, long-sleeved lace body, £39.99: Laura Jane, Way-in, Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1: Koto, 56 Broadwick Street, W1

Over the past few seasons, fashion has found itself whipped into a *whirlpool frenzy, spinning up* ideas, throwing out the old-fashioned and replacing it with the brand new. In the midst of this maelstrom things can look pretty bleak. What if you don't want to dress like a novice nun, or a scarlet lady, or ... what if you just want a nice suit?

Whatever may be happening on the international catwalks, whatever the designers decree, there will always be someone who simply needs something to wear to the office. Something which will work for work.

Sometimes the fashion press can get carried away with the search for the new, forgetting that not everyone will be shutting the doors on last season's wardrobe. Even if they would want to, who can really afford to? Fashion editors sometimes forget that they work in a world where wearing fashionable clothes is all that matters.

For others, clothes are low on their list of priorities. It may be nice to browse through a glossy fashion magazine, or to read the latest pronouncements from fashion gurus, but when it comes to leaving the house in the morning, most women just want to look presentable.

Wouldn't it be nice if the two met somewhere in the middle? Of course, they can. The value of fashion editors is that they can do all the work for you. They can sift through the



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collections, and edit the designers' seemingly endless stream of consciousness. It is the fashion editors' job to pinpoint the trends, and show how they can be worked into any wardrobe.

A working wardrobe invariably tends toward convention, yet it is still possible to introduce touches of fashion without looking silly. Whatever the headlines may say, designers still realise that their core-customers are intelligent women who, for the most part, have jobs to do.

The American designer Donna Karan made her name in the 1980s as the saviour of upwardly-mobile businesswomen the world over who wanted to wear something to the office which erred toward fashion but didn't look like fancy dress. She introduced the all-in-one body, and designed separates around it.

The shift from the hard-edged business-like suits, which became the *Zeitgeist* of power-dressing, has left women wondering what is left for them to wear to the office. The suit, of course, is still the number one option. In fact, there is probably more choice now than ever before as designers dither about lengths. A suit now comes with a short skirt, a long skirt or even trousers.

The most important difference between a 1990s suit and its predecessor is the tone it takes. The 1980s suit had sharp, spikey edges which made it look like a suit of armour. It came in noisy, paintbox-bright colours which shrieked "Look at me". The new version is quiet by comparison. A hushed affair in smudgy charcoal greys, and washed-out beige. Even the fabrics are softer. Textured wools give the new suit a comfortable curvy line.

How you dress them up, or not in this case, is all important. Throw away those fussy, pussy-bow blouses, and simplify everything. Stretch-lace bodies and T-shirts add a touch of femininity without looking over-the-top. Ribbed polo necks are a useful alternative. Choose equally neutral hues — chocolate brown, blush or that old standby, black.

There has been a renewed interest in the mini skirt from the designers Gianni Versace and Karl Lagerfeld for Chanel. However, this doesn't mean legs will be on show. Wear thick rib tights in a similar tone to the skirt and the mini skirted suit becomes a cover-up look. Versace teamed his with longer, sheer skirts worn underneath. A definite affirmation of the modest move fashion has taken.

Whichever style you favour, the important rule to remember is to dress as you please. Whether it's long, short or even trousers which take your fancy: wear what suits you.





Above right: Oatmeal jacket, £64.99, matching mini skirt, £29.99: Warehouse, nationwide. Black T-shirt, £75: Jacques Azagury, 50 Knightsbridge, SW1. Ribbed tights, £8.95: Hue, Dickens & Jones, Regent Street, W1; House of Fraser

Above left: Charcoal grey jacket, £330, matching trousers, £115: Joseph, 28 Brook Street, W1; 16 Sloane Street, SW1; 77 Fulham Road, SW3. Chocolate long sleeved lace body, £39.99: Laura Jane, Way-in, Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1. Black suede ankle boot, £259: Michel Perry for Pied à Terre Rouge, 14 Sloane Street, W1, and 122 Draycot Avenue, SW3.

Photographs: IAIN R. WEBB Makeup: Liz Daxauer Hair: Julian Le Bas for Daniel Galvin

Remember the eighties?

HOTLINE

● KATHARINE Hamnett's label was one of the trendiest in London in the 1980s. Her uncomplicated clothes and T-shirts with politically-correct slogans became classics overnight. When the artist Hilary Lloyd was asked to produce a piece of work for a group show being held in the old Katharine Hamnett shop in Brompton Road, she decided to re-create the atmosphere of ten years ago, in video form. Using vintage Hamnett clothes and music from the 1980s, she filmed a selection of people dancing and modelling. The end result is a colourful comment on London life during those hedonistic years. The video can be seen in Matter & Fact at The Collection, 264 Brompton Road, London SW3, from today until October 11, open daily 10am to 7pm.

● WHY, formed by fashion graduates Emma Oldham and Angela Brenner, is a new label to look out for. The Why collection is a range of scarves and stoles in trimmed and beaded silk chiffon and hand-painted velvet. The perfect accessory for transforming an outfit, or adding a touch of colour to this season's wardrobe of black, black, black. Prices start at £65. Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1, and mail order (071-370 4482).

● AQUASCUTUM is a store worth exploring. With four floors of British fashion classics and one of London's most delightful cafés, shopping for clothes is made easy. To introduce its new autumn menu, Aquascutum is offering *Times* readers a free bottle of wine with lunch for two, or half a bottle if you are lunching on your own. Just present that day's copy of *The Times* on arrival. A typical lunch costs about £13 for two courses. Aquascutum, 100 Regent Street, London W1 (071-734 6090).

● OUISET is holding a series of in-store fashion shows for customers to view its new-look autumn fashion collection. Shapes are softly tailored and simple, with the accent on layering — one of this season's strongest fashion statements. The shows run this month, starting on Friday at Selfridge's, London. Shows follow at Kendal's, Manchester, on the 26th, Harrods, London, on the 27th, and Dickens & Jones, London, on the 29th. Tickets are free and available on 071-408 0558.

● FASHION designer Amanda Wakeley, the winner of the 1992 Glamour Award, has given way to pressure from customers wanting a ready-to-wear range. Later this month she will open her first retail outlet in London. The interior is chic and stylish and browsing is welcomed. The boutique will be located at 80 Fulham Road, London SW3.

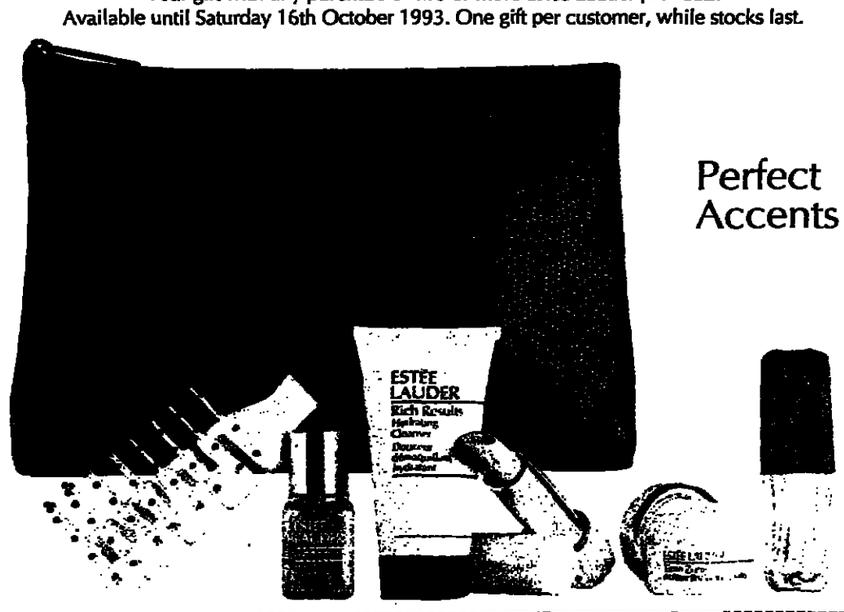
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■ Once upon a time we shook hands — now we have a silly kissing code for all social occasions

I care not a hoot about the social chapter, but is it too late to halt the tide of continental kissing? My unease about the practice was stirred afresh this weekend by a letter to Mary Killen's problem page in *The Spectator*. The anonymous correspondent had arrived late at a dinner party. She was distressed by the requirement to walk round an entire table of seated guests, kissing them over the soup. How could she avoid it?

By declaring, advised Ms Killen, "C-Y-K!", loudly. When asked what this meant she could explain, "Consider Yourselves Kissed".

I'm sorry, but this will not do. For those of us who dislike social kissing at any time — not just with those seated at dinner but with people standing up, too, before or after dinner — it is simply not an option to go around barking C-Y-K at friends and acquaintances. And for gay men it's even worse. Increasingly, socially kissing when we meet each other is becoming *de rigueur*, even in pubs or on buses, and one is thought timid, or prim, if one recoils. I remember being loudly booed by all the other guests when, on leaving a dinner partly, I recoiled from a departing kiss from my host, the late Martin Stevens, then Conservative MP for Fulham. He looked genuinely hurt; he was not, as it turned out, to live a great deal longer; and I have bitterly reproached myself ever since.

> 'Being forced to kiss people is for many an early and horrific childhood memory'

But it was quite involuntary. Surely I cannot be alone in not caring to rub faces with people except in circumstances of private intimacy — and even then it gets boring after a while, don't you think?

Children don't care for kissing either — except those very close to them — which suggests that the reaction is not due to repression at all, but to an instinct for physical privacy. It is this which, as social-kissing adults, we have to repress. Being forced to kiss people is for many of us an early and horrific childhood memory. I recall a whole journey, aged four, in the back of my father's car, up the Great North Road to Yorkshire. It seemed to take all night and I was wedged between two elderly aunts who (as I remember, though perhaps wrongly) were wearing fur. There was something big and furry about them, anyway. They kept trying to kiss me. I kept leaning forward so they couldn't, but, as sleep overtook me, would sink back and be fallen upon by these slobbering women: not far behind their teeth, their tongues. Dreadful! I still shudder at the recollection.

One of the things about becoming a grown-up that one most looked forward to was not having to kiss people one didn't want to. By 1969, at the age of 20, it was all going fine: one had virtually stopped kissing people . . .

. . . And then — wham! — the 1970s and, worse, the 1980s — the business kiss. Other grown-ups were doing it everywhere, over the Twiglets and canapés. Women were kissing women, men and women were kissing each other, and only the man + man encounter was a kiss-free zone. Worse, a minority were beginning to kiss in the full continental style — both sides. Please tell me, what was wrong with shaking hands?

Around 1985 people began making that strange, half embarrassed *mwah! mwah!* noise as they kissed. *Mwah! mwah!* for the both-cheeks double whammy. The mwah has now become all but a part of the ritual. By the late 1980s gay men were kissing each other as a matter of course. Just recently a new and dire phenomenon has begun to surface. Gay men are kissing straight men — *mwah!* — and straight men desirous of demonstrating political correctness on the orientation front are initiating the social kiss with friends they know are gay. Since (I find) today's gay fashions almost always become tomorrow's general trend, it can only now be a matter of time before straight men kiss straight men, as they do already on the Continent. Hideous. Everybody will have to kiss everybody every time they meet and half one's day will be spent mwah-mwahing through a plump, wan sea of proferred cheeks. As if life were not short!

I bridle, but it may already be too late to buck the trend without offending. The only realistic immediate hope is for a health scare. Can herpes simplex be transmitted by the continental kiss? It's a rumour worth starting. Apparently (and surprisingly), in medieval times we English kissed freely and were held in absolute horror for it by the Spaniards and the French, who thought it unhygienic. They were right first time.

In the end, of course, nature has a way of dispatching these follies. They become ritualised into nothing. In Spain, fine ladies no longer allow lip to meet cheek. Staring across your shoulder they simply make two tiny pecking movements: one to your right, the other to your left. In Britain, long after I am dead, people will greet each other by nodding the head and saying "mwah" — to which the reply will be "*mwah, mwah!*". Blessed release from kissing! But for me, too late.

Two views of the prime minister's future in a decisive week for the Tories

Six months to right the ship — or go

William Rees-Mogg

John Major claims that his critics in the Conservative party constitute only "a tiny minority". Unfortunately, that is not true, and it will not become so even if the Conservative party conference goes through the customary ritual of support for the leader. The truth is that the Conservative party in the country is demoralised, that people who until recently were party workers are voting Liberal, that the party's finances are suffering from a disastrous fall in contributions, that the party in Parliament is divided, and even members of the cabinet — not just the "devils" — are critical in private of the prime minister's leadership. Most important, the party has lost the confidence of the electorate, far beyond a normal mid-term protest.

The local government by-elections in September showed that there has been no summer improvement in the Conservative party's support in the country. *The Sunday Times* reported yesterday a survey commissioned from the Local Government Chronicle election centre at Plymouth University. This showed that last month the Conservatives held only three of the 18 seats they were defending in local by-elections; last Thursday they lost six out of seven. Most of these seats had been held in difficult years, some of them in 1990 when the poll tax controversy was at its height.

The authors of this survey devised a national projection which showed Labour on 37 per cent, the Liberals on 33 per cent and the Conservatives on 27 per cent. These figures do not prefigure the result of a general election, but can reasonably be applied to parliamentary and local government by-elections, and particularly to the local government elections next May and the European elections next June. Unless the results can be much improved by then they will be disastrous for the Conservatives. On these figures one could not guarantee that they would hold a single European seat in the 1994 elections, though in practice a handful of seats in the south-east would probably be retained.

The main electoral threat now comes from the Liberal Democrats rather than the Labour party. For Labour, the figure of 37 per cent, at a time when the government is so unpopular, must be very disappointing. In September Labour actually lost seats to the Liberal Democrats in Folkestone and Liverpool. This however is no comfort to the Conservatives. The Labour and Liberal votes are relatively concentrated; the Conservative vote is more widely spread. Next year's local and European elections could produce Labour majorities in the north, Midlands and the big cities, and Liberal majorities in the south. The Conservatives could be almost completely locked out, by the first-past-the-post system which destroyed the old Liberal party. If that happened in the 1994 local and European elections it would give the Liberals great impetus for the general election later on.

This is not a time for indecision, or even for Margaret Thatcher's personal support for a successor whose policies she has criticised. The Conservative party has six months to recover its morale and to convince the public that the government is at least reasonably effective. What is needed is a reconstruction of the government, with the aim of restoring its momentum.

John Major has to consider his own position. No one doubts that he is an honest, patriotic and kindly man. Yet there are good men who do not have the leadership qualities to succeed as prime minister, or cannot meet the need of a particular moment of history. Alec Douglas-Home could not meet the call for the modernisation of Britain in 1964; Anthony Eden could not restore the country's confidence after Suez; Neville Chamberlain was not the right man to fight the war in 1940; Herbert Asquith was not the right man to fight the war in 1916; Arthur Balfour could not hold his party together in 1905.

All of these men had good qualities — one or two of them had great qualities. Mr Major will not be forced out this autumn, but he must ask himself whether he can do the job that has to be done. Could anyone do it from his position, with so many in his own party and among the voters having lost confidence?

How can this job be defined? A prime minister must be a leader. I have just been reading John Keegan's excellent symposium, *Churchill's Generals*. The unsuccessful generals had a number of characteristics in common. They were unlucky; they lost key battles; they were often indecisive; their armies suffered from bad morale; they were dismissed — even by Churchill — too late rather than too soon; they lacked "grip", either of their own troops or of the battle. These were not madmen and they did not lack personal courage; some of them subsequently performed well in lesser posts. Yet once it was clear that they had lost control, they never regained it. When the successful generals took charge, the whole atmosphere changed at once; people recognised decisiveness and self-confidence.

If Mr Major waits until the summer of next year, and the elections are then as bad as they were this September, he will certainly have to go — his party will panic, and will be right to panic. The question he has therefore to ask himself is whether he can turn the situation round in the next six months. If he is genuinely confident that he can do that, and is the best man to do it, he will of course stay. That is not, in my experience, the majority opinion among his followers, whatever they are saying in public.

There are two or three cabinet ministers who have future leadership potential, but the obvious, indeed at present the only immediately available, successor is Kenneth Clarke. He possesses what Lord Wavell, one of Churchill's intermittently successful generals, regarded as the essential quality, the robustness to stand the mental and physical strains of battle. I would have considerable reservations about his views on policy, particularly on Europe. If there were a robust politician of the right age and more sympathetic views who was available, I might well prefer that and so might many other people. But Mr Clarke is available and is a tough-minded politician who enjoys the shot and shell of the political battlefield. Enjoyment has always been important to Conservative politics; but for Mr Clarke politics is fun. That is a strong point in his favour.

It was I think Bagehot who said that a prime minister should be a first-class man of second-class intellect. I have not been able to trace the quotation, but there is truth in the idea. Politicians live in a shocking medium, like sailors on the rough, rude sea. Men of the finest intellect do not necessarily make the best political leaders. There have indeed been great intellects in the House of Commons, Francis Bacon, Isaac Newton, Edward Gibbon, David Ricardo and John Stuart Mill among them, but none of them would have made a successful prime minister. The best prime minister in history, as a political professional, was probably Robert Walpole; he was a strong man of business rather than a profound philosopher. Crude vigour and brazen self-confidence are useful in the sweaty cockpit of the Commons.

Personally, I would like to see Mr Major remain in government; Alec Douglas-Home's best work may have been done as Ted Heath's foreign secretary — he was certainly a pillar of that government. An administration with Mr Clarke as prime minister, Michael Portillo as Chancellor, and Mr Major — who now has great experience of foreign policy — as foreign secretary, would be as strong a team as the Conservative party could now produce, on the assumption that Douglas Hurd is already thinking of retirement. There is no time to waste. Either there must be a stronger Conservative government or quite soon there will no Conservative government at all.

Scapegoat for a flawed party

Major should not be blamed for everything, says Peter Riddell



The Tories have been in office for too long. That, rather than John Major's performance as prime minister, is the real cause of the party's current malaise. Over time, it is increasingly hard to suppress strains and discontents, of which the speculation about Mr Major's leadership is merely another symptom.

That is why the publicly supportive, yet double-edged, statements of Lady Thatcher and the soothing comments of the Keep Calm tendency are unconvincing. "Crisis over" (Douglas Hurd's slogan) may be an overdue corrective to recent feverish talk. But it is not enough to project the image that "the government is getting on with its job". Tory leaders may even find it hard to calm the waters in the conference hall in Blackpool this week, and the eddies of discontent are certain to be visible at fringe meetings.

Indeed, it is remarkable that the Tories have got as far as a fourth term and that Mr Major has kept the party together as much as he has.

All parties lose momentum after they have been in power a long time. Their initial enthusiasms and energy become blunted and new difficulties appear. The first generation of leaders disappears and their successors become blinkered by long periods behind ministerial desks. Governments become complacent and out of touch. Instead of unity, there is fractiousness, and finally the electorate turns the rascals out and puts another lot in. Tiredness in office and divisions accounted for the Tory defeats in 1880, 1929, 1945 and 1964 and for their self-destruction in 1905-6 and, to a lesser extent, in 1974.

The Tories have twice earned remission. First, in 1986, Margaret Thatcher, with the help of Norman Tebbit as party chairman, pulled the party together after the Westland affair, the row over the sale of Land Rover and serious mid-term election losses and gave it new coherence and direction so that it won the 1987 election. Second, Mr Major reunited the party after the coup of November 1990 and, by appearing as the head of a new government, led the Tories to victory 18 months ago. Each time, however, it has become harder to repeat the trick. The Tories have looked staler and seedier (too many jobs for party supporters) and the policy contradictions more acute.

Mr Major's dilemma now is that he has not been able completely to reinvent himself or his government. He is still trapped by the legacy of the Thatcher years, as much by the myths ("the golden age that never was") as by the realities of his inheritance — the recession and the rows over Europe. Everything he does is judged in relation to what she might have done. This is a test he will always fail in the eyes of a small, but vocal, group of Thatcherite irreconcilables who have poisoned his premiership. Many can never forgive him for winning the last election and for not being her.

When he took over, Mr Major had to be a reconciler. To keep the party together, particularly over the Maastricht bill, involved all his talents as a party manager, "tacking and weaving". That has inevitably blurred the party's image, especially when, as Mr Hurd has argued, many of the traditional enemies, the Warsaw Pact and trade union power, have been defeated. That has created new dangers as well as a lack of focus.

Mr Major has not been blameless. Both as a Treasury minister and as prime minister he allowed public spending to rise too rapidly and he is responsible in part for the £50 billion budget deficit. He played his part a year ago in Michael Heseltine's mishandling of the pit closures fiasco. He might have taken sterling out of the exchange-rate mechanism earlier last year and he might have confronted the Tory Euro-sceptics earlier over Maastricht (both much easier said in retrospect). These are important criticisms but they nowhere near justify the abuse he has faced.

Nonetheless, it is no good pretending, as ministers will this week, that his leadership is not in question. Tory leaders are expected to offer the prospect of electoral victory. If they do not, they are dropped. Mr Major still has some time on his side. This week's conference, and especially his closing speech on Friday, will not be "make or break". Too much is always made of the leader's speech. Few even of Mrs Thatcher's were memorable. Most are quickly forgotten.

No short cut offers itself to Mr Major. Urging him to take a grip, reorganise his Downing Street staff or talk tough on crime are easy ways of winning headlines, but are not real answers. Nor is there any shortage of policies. There are plenty, probably too many. Every minister has his or her initiative, as we will hear over the next few days. But there is a lack of coherence. The citizen's charter should, for example, be given more teeth. What is needed is a period of quiet competence: continuing economic recovery, no splits and no gaffes. That will not be easy. Virtually any tough action in the Budget on November 30, whether an extension of VAT or spending cuts, will be unpopular.

Mr Major also needs to liberate himself from the Thatcher years. Instead of showing his irritation with the "bastards", the "devils" or whatever, he should ignore them. They cannot bring him down on their own.

None of this may be enough. The local elections next May and the Euro-elections next June have been turned into national referendums on his leadership. Not only will they be a distraction, but they will be hard for him to win.

But, whatever Kenneth Clarke's virtues as political bruiser, changing the leadership may not work a second time. It may just confirm the impression of a tired and divided party clinging desperately to office. One-party rule, not Mr Major, is the problem, and replacing him is not the solution.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Scotch and wry

IT MAY be tempting fate after Labour MP George Foulkes's untimely altercation with a police officer, but the Scotch Whisky Association is planning to hand out free bottles of whisky at the Conservative party conference in Blackpool.

The association will stop short of providing delegates with a Foulkes-full of its liquid gold, however. The free bottles are likely to be less than a third full in protest at the two-thirds siphoned off in excise duty. Last year the ploy was unnecessary, for the association had a ready champion in the former Chancellor, Norman Lamont, who, of course, hails from the Shetlands. Indeed, his solidarity was unmistakable as he supped a tumbler of Highland Park, his favourite single malt from the Orkneys, during the Budget speech.

Kenneth Clarke is altogether a different proposition. He is a real-ale man with a budget deficit which is seemingly insurmountable; and there is concern that he may raise taxes. William McKelvey, Labour MP for Kilmarnock and Loudoun, the Johnnie Walker constituency, and chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Scotch Whisky Group, warns against it: "They are in danger of killing the goose that lays the golden egg."

Will delegates given short measures draw the wrong conclusions about Scottish distillers? "You're going to say the word 'mean' aren't you?" says an association spokesman. "It's the government which is being excessively mean by swiping two-thirds of the price of whisky from us."



● *False alarm at last week's Fire '93, the annual convention of fire officers and ancillary bodies, held at Glasgow's Moat House hotel. Revellers were rudely interrupted in the early hours when a fire alarm went off and the Strathclyde fire brigade was summoned. The cause? Too much cigarette smoke in a bar full of fire prevention officers.*

DIARY

Clarke's law

DID KENNETH Clarke take Margaret Beckett seriously when she admitted to her Brighton audience last week that there was no such thing as a safe job? The Chancellor and QC spent part of his build-up to Blackpool buttering up members of the legal profession at the Saturday evening launch of a £3.5m appeal for the first National Museum of English Law.

The museum will be housed in Nottingham's 18th-century Shire Hall, scene of many an infamous trial until its courts moved out six years ago. And Clarke was characteristically trenchant in his support, saying the museum was long overdue. "As Chancellor I can give all the help possible, but no money," he said. Couldn't he just provide his wig as an exhibit? "I'm afraid I might have to use it again." Clearly the Treasury's appeal to help curb the country's £50 billion deficit is proving less successful than we thought.

Boarding party

TIME, it seems, for Captain Hook and Long John Silver to walk the plank: their male preserve of legendary high-sea banditry is to be challenged by the exploits of real-life female pirates, past and present.

Pandora, the feminist publisher and self-styled "Thinking Woman's Trumpet", has commissioned a book on the subject: *Bold in Their Breeches*. It will consist of a collection of pieces by experts on female piracy. "It's a specialism which has grown out of recent research into cross-dressing. This has revealed that some pirates were women dressed in men's clothes," says Pandora's senior editor Karen Holden. The book will be out next year. Long Jane Silver ahoy.

Cole scuttle

RETIREMENT is proving more difficult than anticipated for John Cole, the genial Ulsterman and former political editor of the BBC who made a conference comeback last week. Not only has he signed a new contract with the BBC to provide political commentary, he has also branched into travel broadcasting.

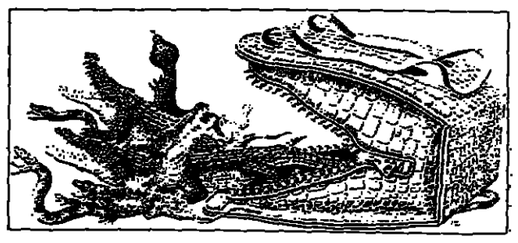
"I've made two documentaries for *The Holiday Programme*," he says. "The first on Galicia in north-west Spain, and another with my wife Madge on walking in the Austrian hills." The two programmes, to be broadcast in November and the new year, have excited the Cole household. "I can see a whole new career opening up at the age of 65, which is a bit silly really," he says. "But I must say that Madge rather stole the show in Austria."

Double take

THE advertisements for Silk Cut have become almost as famous as the cigarettes themselves, drawing accolades from all sectors of the advertising industry. But Peter Brookes, *The Times*'s political cartoonist, was somewhat surprised by the latest poster campaign featuring a purple-gloved hand and a fearsome looking crocodile skin bag. For it bears more than a passing resemblance to an illustration he provided for *The Sunday Times Magazine* 20 years ago, in the mid 1970s.

"I am always amazed by the power of coincidence," says Brookes of the advertisement which was recently crowned "Ad of the Week" in the London *Evening Standard*. "The improvement they have made that I am jealous of is that they have thrown in two buckles to make the eyes."

Ian Shepherd, public affairs manager of Gallaher, which owns the Silk Cut brand and employs Saatchi and Saatchi to dream up such adverts at considerable cost, says: "I can't make any comment concerning any alleged similarities between this illustration and our own advertisement."





The Brookes orginal, top, and the Silk Cut advert

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MAYHEM IN MOSCOW

Mr Yeltsin must use the might and the right on his side

To use the Russian army in civil strife will end in strife in the army. Or so the dictum runs. The future of Boris Yeltsin's leadership, and of the reformists he leads, now depends on his proving this piece of conventional wisdom false.

President Yeltsin's ability even to convince his countrymen that he controls events was dealt a heavy blow in Moscow yesterday. While he was taking a break at his country dacha — an extraordinary miscalculation, as it now appears with hindsight — the sudden violent anti-Yeltsin protests were met with hours of near-silence and apparent paralysis on the part of the authorities. Even after the sacked vice-president, Aleksandr Rutskoi, had called on tanks to attack the Kremlin, the response was no faster. By evening, when President Yeltsin declared a state of emergency in the city, the blockade of the parliament had been broken and armed mobs had overwhelmed key installations.

A parallel should not yet be drawn with the events of August 1991. The 15,000 demonstrators, a mostly unsavoury and unrepresentative medley of hardline communists, anti-semitic nationalist youths giving Nazi salutes and a handful of disaffected troops, do not compare with the hundreds of thousands who then flocked to Mr Yeltsin at the White House. His defiance of the attempted coup against Mr Gorbachev stirred the entire city; most of Moscow, a city of nine million, was calm yesterday.

But in tense situations, it does not take many people to turn the tide; and in Russia, where the smallest demonstration has for decades been met with the full force of Communist power, the inability of the authorities to control an armed rising — and the reported defection to the rebels of 200 armed police — must have an enormous psychological impact. Prompt reinforcement of the tired and inadequately trained troops and police, when their inability to deal with the violence became apparent, would probably have quelled it speedily and without serious bloodshed. Mr Yeltsin will not escape blame for this misjudgment. By calling directly for Mr Yeltsin's overthrow by force, the parliamentary rebels have staked all on escalation; and Mr Yeltsin's political supporters have so far been conspicuously absent from the street battles.

The abrupt surge in the number of protesters from a handful of marginal malcontents to something approaching an organised offensive force has compelled the government to state that it "is forced to use force" to quell the fighting — which Mr Yeltsin had assured his countrymen he would not do. In the West, the clear evidence that he has bent over backwards to avoid such an outcome would be to his credit. In Russia, it may appear as weakness, and the president as a man who willed the end — free elections to break political deadlock — but was unprepared to use the means when faced with hardline defiance. What was almost a local confrontation has taken on an inescapably national dimension, and the response in the provinces is uncertain.

Despite the army's well-advertised reluctance to be drawn into the political struggle, the "power ministers" at defence, the interior and security are so far united: an important factor, since the security and interior ministries have their own independent military establishments. The divisions ringing Moscow are viewed as solidly pro-Yeltsin. Mr Yeltsin has might and right on his side. He must exploit both decisively.

ONE TORY DAY AT A TIME

Will sullen loyalty save Mr Major in Blackpool?

If Lady Thatcher truly wishes to help her successor avoid a leadership challenge this week, the methods outlined in her *Sunday Times* interview yesterday are more than usually obscure. To call for greater protection from rivals for a Tory prime minister in office may be a good way to remind supporters how disgracefully she herself was removed from power. It will hardly help Mr Major. To reopen the question of party rules at this moment serves simply to remind conference attenders how powerless they are in choosing the leader whom they must dutifully applaud on Friday. Some may yearn for the days of the "magic circle"; more will react to Mr Major's disastrous year by demanding more, not less, say over the choice of his successor.

Lady Thatcher may not, of course, want to help Mr Major too much. Like many now gathering in Blackpool she wants to seem reasonably supportive. The talk among the early arrivals is of "breathing space" and "probation" not revolt and mayhem. But the equilibrium is in a trembling state.

For constituency representatives it must seem a long unpleasant path since last year in Brighton. They then felt humbled by sterling's forced exit from the exchange-rate mechanism — and many felt furious that their leaders had not appreciated the new opportunities for Britain to escape recession. When party loyalists made impassioned speeches against Maastricht, the foreign secretary looked disdainfully down from the platform and assured them that they were misinformed.

There quickly followed the bungled politics of the pit closures when even cabinet ministers were not properly consulted, backbench feeling was not tested and the law itself was ignored. The Matrix Churchill affair posed — and still poses — some nasty questions of integrity. The paving debate on Maastricht was won only at the cost of pressurising constituency associations to demand loyalty from MPs to a cause that neither MPs nor constituents supported.

The prime minister refused a referendum. He quarreled irresolutely with his Chancellor. Meanwhile the Maastricht drama rolled on. The Central Council meeting of Tory activists was acrimonious; two days later the government was defeated on the social chapter in the Commons by 22 votes.

It was always attractive for the prime minister to claim that the press was manufacturing discontent: but in May the voters threw his party out of all but one shire county and handed Newbury to the Liberal Democrats with an extraordinary 28.4 per cent swing. Mr Major's became the most unpopular administration since the second world war, and 81 per cent of respondents told a Gallup poll that the government did not inspire confidence. Norman Lamont's resignation speech provided confirmation of what had already become clear — that this government was in office, not in power. Mr Major needed, as we put it at the time, "to heed the truths that came yesterday from so close to home. Or he is going, almost gone." That remains the case.

Michael Mates' enforced resignation followed swiftly, amid unsavoury stories about the mechanics and morality of Tory party funding. A Commons defeat on Maastricht was reversed only by a humiliating confidence vote. The unravelling of power continued to quicken. The Tories lost the Christchurch by-election as disastrously as they did Newbury. While ministers departed for the sun, Conservative activists continued to complain of their masters' inadequacies.

Before the holiday was even over, the spectre of a leadership election, which Mr Major thought had been laid to rest over the summer, re-emerged. Mr Lamont renewed his assault on the prime minister. There was talk of a stalking horse behind which Kenneth Clarke might hide and fight. Then the talk was of an alliance between Mr Clarke and Michael Portillo — until this seemed too likely to be a pantomime horse. Just three weeks ago, the "dead bell" for the prime minister was sounding loud around the constituencies. Yesterday the toll was politely muffled. But, when talking of the Tory party conference this year, it is dangerous to describe more than one day at a time.

LABOUR'S HARE SHIRT

Socialist realism takes a night out



If you cannot take the extra heat, do not ask an alien cook into your kitchen. The Labour party allowed the playwright David Hare to eavesdrop on its councils and track Neil Kinnock during the 1992 election campaign. What sort of dramatic dish did they think he would produce? A politically correct green salad? A couple of those eggs that were "not unwholesome if lightly boiled"?

As anybody who knew Mr Hare's work should have foreseen, the finished play is steamier than that. His *Absence of War*, which opened at the National Theatre on Saturday, is far less critical of Labour than his *Pravda* was of the press or his *Murmuring Judges* was of the judiciary; but it is clearly worried about the People's Party and its future. The defeated leader, one George Jones, even ends up suggesting that his aides join the Tories. That way, he says, they can at long last get elected and destroy Conservatism from within.

The first-night audience laughed heartily at that, seeing the irony and appreciating the joke. But Labour has never been noted for its sense of humour, and some of its potentates now see Hare as a nabob of nattering negativism. Indeed, Roy Hattersley went so far as to write 1,000 words for the London *Evening Standard* whingeing about, among other things, a reference in the play to "whingeing comrades". "The characters abuse each other," he ululated. "They scream, they shout and they weep. There is nobody in George Jones's retinue who I would trust to run the country."

Even if we accept his view that the Labour party is brimming with people who never shout or weep and are fully capable of running Britain, Mr Hattersley and his comrades seem to have missed a central point. Hare is a playwright, not a reporter, and playwrights tend to write drama, not recycle press conferences.

If the opposite were true, and the characters were literal portraits, *The Absence of War* would be highly slanderous. Labour's present leader would stand accused of plotting his predecessor's overthrow, feeding party secrets to hostile interviewers, belonging to the Garrick Club, and wearing an MCC tie. Like Shakespeare, Hare has used artistic licence and used it constructively. He has drawn on his research to write a fiction that asks friendly and pertinent questions about whether or not it is possible for a socialist party to gain power without compromising its principles. That is an endeavour which Mr Hattersley ought surely to welcome.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Need for legal aid in medical cases

From Mr Richard Dawson

Sir, On September 29 you reported the High Court's approval of massive damages to my client, Mrs Linda Withington, in settlement of her medical negligence claim ("Mother crippled by birth blunder receives £1.5m").

Her claim was brought with the benefit of a legal aid certificate. As a result of the change in the legal aid financial eligibility regulations in April, it is unlikely that she would have qualified for such a certificate had her application been made now.

Some clients gain satisfaction from a medical negligence claim by discovering what went wrong. Others who are very severely disabled also need very substantial damages to pay for nursing care, equipment and accommodation that are outside the scope of the NHS, to provide them with the best possible quality of life.

The costs of a medical negligence claim involving serious injury are inevitably high and out of the range of most people. Almost daily, clients with a potentially valid claim for damages which are needed tell me that they cannot afford to take the risk that the claim might not succeed. They are accordingly unable to exercise their right to claim compensation.

The imminent alteration in the solicitors' practice rules enabling instructions to be accepted on the basis of "no win, no fee" does not take into account that defendants' costs would still have to be paid by an unsuccessful claimant.

It cannot be just, that catastrophically injured people are being deprived of their right to claim compensation which they desperately need solely because their financial positions do not qualify them for legal aid. To deny the basic human right to the best possible quality of life can only be a travesty of justice.

Yours sincerely,
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Seatbelts on buses

From Mr Robin Bye

Sir, I was distressed to read of the driver who died and the 58 pupils who were injured in a school bus in Yorkshire (report, September 28). I was, however, dismayed when I looked at the photograph of the relatively undamaged vehicle.

You report in your earlier editions one of the eye-witnesses as stating that the children "were all tangled up together in among the seats". It seems reasonable to suppose, considering that much of the bus was undamaged, that most of the injuries were sustained as children were thrown from their seats in the impact.

This must surely be the best argument possible for making seatbelts mandatory on buses and minibuses that carry children. In my own school, when we bought a new minibus, one of the governors threatened to lie in front of it to prevent us using the bus unless seatbelts were fitted.

Perhaps parent power can be harnessed to force through legislation that would make school journeys safe for children.

Yours sincerely,
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Origins of ME

From Dr Chris Richards

Sir, ME (myalgic encephalomyelitis) was not "invented" after 1970, as Professor Ivor H. Mills alleges in his letter of September 20. Sir Donald Acheson, government chief medical officer, 1984-91, published his long review paper, "The clinical syndrome variously called Benign Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, Iceland Disease and Epidemic Neuromyasthenia", in 1959. The word "benign" was later dropped.

Professor Mills would do well to read more widely in the literature on ME before making rash statements about the invention of diseases.

Yours sincerely,
CHRIS RICHARDS,
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Political idealism and self-interest

From Mrs Patricia Ducé

Sir, Blackpool in mind, I turned up this piece from an earlier era. I believe it to have been penned by Elizabeth Barrett Browning in about 1860.

I confess that I dream of the day when an English statesman shall arise with a heart too large for England; having courage in the face of his countrymen to assert of some suggested policy: "This is good for your trade: it is necessary for your domination; but it will vex a people hard by; it will hurt a people further off; it will profit nothing to the general humanity; therefore away with it! It is not for you or for me." When a British Minister dares speak so, and when a British public applauds him speaking, then shall the nation be glorious.

Contrast this with the prime minister's speech to last year's party conference (report, October 10, 1992). In the European context, he referred to "a cold, clear-eyed calculation of the British national interest". He closed with the declaration that Britain's interests would for him come "first, last and always".

Maybe the country's present disenchanted and sceptical mood has something to do with the difference in these levels of vision. One longs for our sights to be raised, for someone to spark to life the latent idealism in Britain, so long overlaid by appeals only to self-interest. This applies urgently to home policies, as well as to issues abroad.

I confess, 133 years on from Mrs Robert Browning, that my update of her "dream" is that this year the prime minister touches the nerve of that idealism. And then goes on to rouse our proven capacity to respond to a challenge big enough and worthwhile enough.

Yours truly,
PATRICIA DUCÉ,
Flat C, 10 The Mount,
St Leonard's-on-Sea, East Sussex.
October 1.

From Mr Hartley Booth, MP for Finchley (Conservative)

Sir, I was sad to read the letter of my friend James Bogle on the Australian constitution (September 28) because it included the phrase "Britain [is] destined . . . to be swallowed up by the European leviathan". I write personally as a European lawyer and a former European editor of *Current Law*.

The problem with Britain in Europe is precisely such defeatism. The positive solutions for policy planners over the next years must include the following: dividing any potentially dominating axis; persuading EC states that their self-interest demands they support the British view; forming new alliances ourselves; and making sure the rules are obeyed on mainland Europe to quell their ever-latent protectionism.

All these and other policy options must be devised so that the British people win the diplomatic battle of co-operation between our sovereign states who choose to remain bonded by treaty for mutual support.

Yours sincerely,
HARTLEY BOOTH,
House of Commons.
September 28.

From Mr Eric Simpson

Sir, I watched the party political broadcast on behalf of the Conservatives on September 28 with disbelief. I assume it was genuine because it appeared on three channels and therefore was not a comedy skit.

That such a negative broadcast should be anonymous, showing only the back of the heads of two unconvincing actors, is unbecoming of the party that is fielding the government of the day. I can only think that an appearance by John Major is not considered to be in the party's interest and anybody else might be seen as a contender for his job.

The party is no longer an organisation of stature and has surely now reached rock bottom. What could the Tory faithful have received from such a broadcast to strengthen their resolve?

Yours faithfully,
ERIC SIMPSON,
Canterbury Cottage,
Bramdean, Alresford, Hampshire.

Make women at home in the House

From Baroness Seccombe

Sir, The fact that the Labour party is introducing women-only shortlists for the selection of parliamentary candidates in certain constituencies ("Giving Labour's women a leg up", September 30) is presumably intended to promote women in politics — an aim which we all endorse. But I and, I believe, a majority of women consider Labour's attitude to women insulting. Labour's idea of promoting women is to patronise them by treating them as a worthy minority in need of special assistance, incapable of achievement without a deal of help.

It is the Labour party that needs help. They fail to appreciate that women do not thank them for their patronage. We don't want it, and time and again at the polls we vote against it. In the 1992 general election, 10 per cent more women voted Conservative than Labour: the equivalent "gap" among men was only 5 per cent. Women voted Conservative because the Conservative party treats women as individuals, not as a stray flock that needs a bit of heavy-handed herding in the right direction.

Since the 1992 election, 40 per cent of the people selected for the Conservative party's approved candidates list have been women. Women attained this on their own merit and ability. This achievement, in open competition with men, will give them the confidence to apply for all parliamentary seats. Not all will be successful, but those that are will know that the Conservative party considers them to be able candidates first and women second.

What women want is opportunity and equal opportunity. The Conservative party is the party of both. Conservatives believe that women can and do succeed on their own merits. We were the party of the first woman to take her seat as an MP and the first woman prime minister. I believe that more women will go into politics because greater opportunity exists today for women to do so. It is not an opportunity that has been artificially contrived, but one gained from recognition of women's potential and hard-won achievements.

Yours faithfully,
SECCOMBE,
Conservative Central Office,
32 Smith Square, Westminster, SW1.

Physicist's flight

From Mr E. H. Cooke-Yarborough, FEng

Sir, The writer of the obituary of Bruno Pontecorvo (September 27), who departed from Harwell for the Soviet Union in 1950, seems surprised that Ponte volunteered the information to a Harwell security officer that his brother was a communist. In the circumstances which then existed, that was a sensible thing to do. Concealment would have raised doubts about one's own reliability.

We used to spend hours together over lunch, sketching out the instrumentation for experiments he wanted to do: especially the detection of that elusive particle, the neutrino. At that time my team had briefly to help Aldermaston in the instrumentation of one of the weapons trials. This had to be given higher priority than Ponte's work; he remonstrated with me about this.

When he moved from Canada to Harwell in 1949, he had brought with him a Standard Vanguard car. About a year later he told me that the tax authorities were demanding that he either export the car or pay purchase tax. He said to me, jokingly: "If they make me export the car, I export myself as well!" Eventually he did just that, leaving his car in Italy when he flew with his family to Stockholm in 1950.

Perhaps his decision to work elsewhere stemmed from several minor frustrations like these, and from the offer of better facilities in Russia. There was a small piece of evidence that going to Russia was not premeditated: among the books he left behind was a Russian dictionary — with the pages uncut.

Yours faithfully,
E. H. COOKE-YARBOROUGH
(Harwell, 1948-1982),
Lincoln Lodge, Longworth,
Nr Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

Pre-school care

From Mrs Peter Barnes

Sir, It is a misperception that daycare for babies and tiny children, subsidised by the taxpayer, would be an economic advantage for the country as a whole (letters, September 25).

Many mothers in the home are looking after two or even three pre-school children. To provide an acceptable quality of care in a nursery, ratios of one nurse to three babies, or one adult carer to five over-2s are minimal. Add to this at least two administrative staff, and a team of cleaners, cooks, laundry workers and gardening help.

In a day nursery where I worked many years ago, there were 32 women and one gardener-handyman employed to cover the needs of 90 babies and children — and there was no slack.

The idea of diverting "womanpower" to fire the economy by pressurising young mothers to abandon their little children to be looked after (expensively) by other women is therefore spurious. To the children concerned, and to most mothers, it is also heartbreaking. In the long run, misery and disaffection will also prove very expensive.

Yours faithfully,
BELINDA BARNES,
28 The Paddock, Godalming, Surrey.

From Mrs Holly Ingleton

Sir, Mrs Anna Lines (letter, September 25) says that "children learn better from dependable, accessible adults than from their peers and a multiplicity of paid carers".

I disagree. Over the last two decades research has consistently found that if child-care has any long-term effects on children, it seems to make them slightly more gregarious and independent.

Children who attend daycare also appear to be more broad-minded about sex roles. In 1982 a National Academy of Sciences panel in the US concluded that children suffer no ill effects in academic, social or emotional development when mothers work. In 1986, a Pennsylvanian State University psychologist and social researcher, Jay Belsky, a prominent supporter of daycare, did express some reservations about daycare for infants; but he emphasised that his findings underlined the need for better funding and standards for child-care centres, not their elimination.

Many people, single or married, cannot afford child-care, neither can they afford not to work. Do we want to deny people the right of reproduction simply because they cannot work and raise their children at the same time?

Yours etc,
HOLLY INGLETON,
29 Palatine Road,
Stoke Newington, N18.
October 1.

Care of those who visit cathedrals

From the Very Reverend J. A. Simpson and Canon P. G. C. Brett

Sir, We were greatly saddened by the pessimistic nature of the report by Insite, a Scottish management and training consultancy, which Ruth Gledhill summarised ("Cathedrals join battle with a swirling flood of tourists", September 28). In our view a very large number of cathedrals take their visitor care seriously and many provide a high standard of service.

They do so because they recognise that cathedrals are one of the greatest and most effective instruments for mission that the Church possesses. The manner of their presentation is crucial in promoting this.

Speaking from one of the most visited cathedrals in the country (2.25 million each year) we can say that our attitude is certainly not one of reluctance to face the reality of those who come to us, nor is it one that accepts a conflict of interest between the priorities of caring for these visitors and of upholding "the medieval view of cathedrals as 'mirrors of celestial harmony' " — whatever that means.

It is extraordinary that so much generalisation in the report should be made on the complaint of one dean about money, another about not knowing what he let himself in for, and one bishop's jaundiced view that clergy are not good at running the places.

Perhaps one of the reasons why the Insite working party's requests to hold a seminar met with such little success is that for some 12 years now an annual conference of visits and education officers from the majority of cathedrals (The Pilgrims Association) has met with members of chapters to work steadily and surely in the interest of visitor care. In this conference lies the expertise, which is extensively shared and shaped to particular circumstances.

Of course, we have not yet perfected everything, but the standards improve all the time and any restraints are imposed by lack of resources and certainly not lack of will.

Canterbury is not the only cathedral to strive for professionalism from volunteer staff (in our case 350); nor is it the only one to have used outside consultancies to improve attitudes and standards.

The report does less than justice to a situation which is far better than it represents. We have the privilege to serve on national and international bodies concerned with all aspects of tourism. In our experience fellow representatives on those bodies do not view the cathedrals' activities with any lack of respect.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN A. SIMPSON
(Dean of Canterbury and Chairman of The Pilgrims Association),
PETER BRETT
(Canon responsible for visitor care, Canterbury Cathedral),
Cathedral House,
The Precincts, Canterbury, Kent.
October 2.

Names in vogue

From Mrs June Benn

Sir, Let us not worry too much about the demise of John (report, September 27; letters, September 30, October 2) for he has crept back into *The Times* birth announcements, as Jack. I predict that he will reappear quite soon, once *Times* readers have twigged that he has "all but disappeared". Then, ten or 15 years later, he will sweep the nation. It took Rebecca 25 years to become popular since she reappeared in your birth announcements in the early 1960s.

Note that Michael is already back, although partly because of his popularity across the Atlantic, and Peter has put his foot in the water again.

It might be also noted that Jean has lost popularity in France.

Yours sincerely,
JUNE BENN,
St Andrew's House,
113 Mycenae Road, Blackheath, SE3.

From Mr F. Ellis

Sir, So we are no longer to refer to "any Tom, Dick or Harry", but to "any Dan, Matt or Jimmy".

Yours sincerely,
FRED ELLIS,
39 Limes Road, Folkestone, Kent.

Early greetings

From Mrs Stella A. Walker

Sir, For the past two years I have dispatched by surface mail my overseas Christmas cards just within the official date of posting according to the Royal Mail leaflet. They have arrived on each occasion in Australia by mid-October and South Africa in the first week of November; somewhat early for the festive season.

Has our postal service been employing speedboats or is this a form of blackmail to make residents in the United Kingdom post their cards by air mail at considerable expense in December?

Yours faithfully,
STELLA A. WALKER,
Watermill Farm, Rushlake Green,
Heathfield, East Sussex.
October 2.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE

October 3: Divine Service was held in Crathie Parish Church this morning.

The Rev Keith Angus preached the sermon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 3: The Duke of York this afternoon departed the Convent and returned to HMS *Cottesmore* in Gibraltar.

Captain Neil Blair RN, Mr Geoffrey Crawford and Captain Rupert Maitland-Titterton were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 3: The Duke of Kent was represented by the Lord Farnham at the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mr Alan Ferris which was held at St Luke's Church, Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool this afternoon.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will visit the Missing Persons Bureau at 284-286 Upper Richmond Road West, East Sheen, SW14, at 11.00.

The Princess Royal will open the new ophthalmology department at the Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth, at 9.50 for the Portsmouth Hospital Trust; as Patron of Victim Support, will open the new premises at The Lodge, 1 Northern Parade, Hilsea, Portsmouth, at 11.00; and, as President of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will attend an activity session at George's Field, Whippingham, East Cowes, Isle of Wight, at 12.25 to mark the Isle of Wight group's 21st anniversary.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Restoration of Appearance and Function Trust, will open the Leopold Muller building at Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, at 2.30.

Today's birthdays and anniversaries

Birthdays

Professor Richard Batchelor, immunologist, 62; Sir Peter Blaker, former MP, 71; Sir Neville Bowman-Shaw, company chairman, 63; Miss Jackie Collins, novelist, 56; Sir Terence Conran, former chairman, Storehouse, 62; Air Chief Marshal Sir Kenneth Cross, 82; Mr Basil D'Oliveira, cricketer, 62; Dr F. Dudley Hart, rheumatologist, 84; Sir John Hogg, banker, 81; Sir Tommy Macpherson, former chairman, Association of British Chambers of Commerce, 73; Mr R.G. Martin, former vice-chairman, Allied-Lyons, 61; Mr Tony Meo, snooker player, 34; Sir Hector Monro, MP, 71; Dr Gareth Owen, former vice-chancellor, University of Wales, 71; Mr Gavin Pritchard-Gordon, racehorse trainer, 48; Miss Anneka Rice, broadcaster, 35; the Right Rev Dr R.D. Say, former Bishop of Rochester, 79; Mr Marcus Setchell, Surgeon-Gynaecologist to The Queen, 50; Sir Gervase Sheldon, former High Court judge, 80; Sir James Spicer, MP, 68; Miss Ann Widdecombe, MP, 46; Mr Kenneth Wood, founder, Kenwood Manufacturing Company, 77.



Charlton Heston, the actor, is 69 today

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Richard Cromwell, Lord Protector 1658-59, London, 1626; Edmund Malone, scholar, Dublin, 1741; François Guizot, statesman and historian, Nîmes, 1787; Jean François Millet, painter, Gruchy, France, 1814; Rutherford B. Hayes, 19th American President 1877-81, Delaware, Ohio, 1822; Roger Keyes, Baron Keyes, Admiral of the Fleet, Tundiani Ford, Punjab, 1872; Damon Runyon, short story writer, Manhattan, Kansas, 1884; Engelbert Dollfuss, Chancellor of Austria 1932-34, Texing, Austria, 1892; Buster Keaton, actor, Piqua, Kansas, 1895.

DEATHS: St Teresa of Avila, Alba de Tormés, 1582; Rembrandt, painter, Amsterdam, 1669; Henry Carey, poet and musician, committed suicide, London, 1743; John Rennie, civil engineer, London, 1821; Karl Baedeker, guide book publisher, Koblenz, 1859; Max Planck, physicist, Nobel laureate 1918, Gottingen, Germany, 1947; Sir Arthur Whitten Brown, aviator, Swansea, 1948; 'Patsy' Hendren, England and Middlesex cricketer, London, 1962; Janis Joplin, rock singer, Hollywood, 1970; Glenn Gould, pianist, Toronto, 1982.

Miles Coverdale's version of the Bible was published, 1535.

Russia launched the space satellite Sputnik I, 1957.

Basutoland proclaimed independent as the kingdom of Lesotho, 1966.

Nature notes

Kittiwakes from British cliffs are now mingling out in the North Atlantic with others from Norway and Russia. Many of them will go as far as Newfoundland in the course of the winter: they roost on the sea. In recent years, a few have lingered in winter round British harbours: they can be distinguished from other gulls by their black wingtips, which look as if they had been dipped in ink, and their pure yellow bills. Lesser black-backed gulls also winter here in larger numbers then formerly: many of them feed inland and roost on reservoirs. They are fierce birds, and will fly down and frighten a dog. Great black-backed gulls live a more solitary life, mostly on the shore. Bracken is turning brown and collapsing. Fairy-ring toadstools are making large dark circles in the grass. Birch trees are turning yellow: horse-chestnuts have rosy patches in their foliage. Adders are looking for warm, dry places to hibernate. There are many flies about: they include bluebottles, or blow flies, and stable flies, which look like house flies but can give a nasty bite. Garden or cross spiders build large webs on which the mist or dew hangs in the morning.



The Kittiwake

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STEVE HILL

Robert Paul outside the proposed Norfolk Broads museum building

Norfolk to get heritage museum

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A 20-year dream to set up the museum of the Norfolk Broads is about to become a reality. The race is now on to raise £1.5 million for the project before any more of the area's unique maritime heritage disappears under the wetlands.

A firm of tourism consultants has drawn up a financial appraisal for the museum which estimates that it would attract 35,000 visitors a year, rising to 60,000 within four years.

The museum will contain a social history of the region, boats, artefacts and other material which portrays the history, culture and tradition of the broads. A Museum of the Broads Trust has been set up to coordinate the development and a grant application will be submitted to the EC regional fund.

The museum, which it is proposed will be housed in a former boatyard building at Potter Heigham, between Great Yarmouth and Norwich, will try to show how man has influenced the broads landscape, and its uses over the centuries. The *Whittingham Keel*, the last surviving example of a sailing craft which dominated the rivers for centuries, will be one of the prize attractions.

Robert Paul, of the museum trust, said: "We are losing our heritage because of the lack of somewhere for it to be recorded. Something must be done. At last it seems we are about to do it."

Forthcoming marriages

Signor G.B. Cherubini and Miss F.G. Scholey
The engagement is announced between Giunio Bruto Cherubini, of Lucca, Italy, and Fiorenza, daughter of Sir David and Lady Scholey, of Hampstead, London.

Mr A.G. Fraser and Miss K.E. Slack
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Dr and Mrs Donald G. Fraser, of Oxford, and Katherine, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Paul Slack, of Oxford.

Mr R.G. Lucier and Miss H. Garrett
The engagement is announced between Richard Grosvenor, son of the late H.J. Lucier and of Mrs Lucier, of Duxbury, Massachusetts, and Hilary, daughter of Dr and Mrs Arthur Garrett, of Norfolk.

Mr N.R. MacLeod and Miss S.A. Bottomley
The engagement is announced between Neil Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs Donald MacLeod, of Leeds, West Yorkshire, and Sally Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Miles Bottomley, of Anglesey, North Wales.

Mr J.D. Macmillan and Señorita B.A. Mendez de Alba
The engagement is announced between Jonathan David, third son of Mr and Mrs Richard Macmillan, of Montfort L'Amaury, France, and Bianca Alicia, daughter of Señor Jaime Mendez Muñoz and Señora Alicia Alba de Mendez, of La Herradura, Mexico City. The marriage will take place in Mexico.

Mr F.W.A. Page-Roberts and Miss S.J. Adams
The engagement is announced between Frederick, son of Mr and Mrs Nigel Page-Roberts, of Wimborne, Dorset, and Samantha, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Anthony Adams, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Captain C.R.N. Weston, RA. and Miss J.H. Black
The engagement is announced between Charles, second son of Colonel and Mrs A.R.N. Weston, of The Old Wharf House, Longcot, Oxon, and Joanne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.M. Black, of Nelson, New Zealand.

Marriages

Mr S.M. Erridge and Miss J.C. Benn
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Lawrence, Seal Chart, Sevenoaks, Kent, of Mr Simon Erridge, younger son of Mr and Mrs Francis Erridge, of Goldhanger, Essex, to Miss Juliet Benn, daughter of Sir Jonathan and Lady Benn, of Ightham, Kent. The Rev Peter Simmons officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Tia Eagle, Miss Lucy Bradley and Miss Lucinda Vesey. Mr Michael Poulard was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr D.N.W. Bland and Miss E.C. Holmes
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Washington, West Sussex, of Mr David Neville William Bland, only son of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon and Lady Bland, of Gabriel's Manor, Edenbridge, Kent, to Miss Elisabeth Claire Holmes, twin daughter of the late Major Desmond Holmes and of Mrs Holmes, of Rock House, Washington. The Rev Matthew Persson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Alexander Holmes, was attended by Georgina Cooper, Francesca Cooper, Rosanna Glasse, Henrietta Thomas, Rebecca Hamilton, Fredrick Jago and Chloe Farron. Mr Hugh Phillimore was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in The Philippines.

Mr D.N. Chastel de Boinville and Miss K.D. Mowbray
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Glemsford, Suffolk, of Mr David Chastel de Boinville, son of Mr and Mrs G.N.P. Chastel de Boinville, of Walkern Hall, Hertfordshire, to Miss Kate Mowbray, daughter of Sir John and Lady Mowbray, of Glemsford. The Rev Adrian Mason and the Rev William Pryor officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Benjamin and Oliver Delevingne, Thomas and Julia de Boinville, Miranda Parker and Emily Trower. Lord James Percy was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr S.W. Pratt and Miss E.K.R. Marsh
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 2, at All Saints' Church, Maldon, of Mr Schuyler Pratt, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Pratt, of Chigwell Row, Essex, and Miss Emma Marsh, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G.I.R. Marsh, of Woodham Mortimer, Essex. The Ven Tim Stevens, Archdeacon of West Ham, officiated, assisted by Canon Peter Mason.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Olivia Knight, Miss Rebecca Marsh and Miss Victoria Newbury. Mr Ward Pratt was best man.

Sporting estate sale recalls rugby victory

BY JOHN SHAW

A FAMOUS Scottish rugby victory will be recalled in the £250,000 sale of contents from Huntington, a 55-acre sporting estate near Haddington, Lothian, on November 1.

Huntington was the home of the late Lieutenant Commander Wilfred Crawford who was a member of the celebrated XV which won the triple crown in 1938. The match was the highlight of a rugby career in which he was capped five times for Scotland.

After war service in the Fleet Air Arm he and his wife developed their passion for horses into a small National Hunt yard at Huntington. Their best known horse was Lothian Princess. The couple were well known locally and had their greatest successes in the Sixties and Seventies.

Equestrian items will be among porcelain and furniture in the Christie's auction which follows the death of Lieutenant Commander Crawford, a widower, earlier this year. The family home, which resembles a French chateau, has already been sold for more than £675,000.

It was one of the finest country houses in the district. The agents said that it attracted great interest and went to a private buyer before the firm had a chance to set a closing date.

The auction will feature oils, prints and drawings by Susan Crawford, the couple's daughter and a leading equestrian artist. Among them is Winterwork, showing three horses galloping through snow (estimate £10,000-£15,000). The Injured Jockeys Fund is reproducing it as a Christmas card this year.

Another oil showing the champion hurdler Persian War with the jockey Jimmy Uttley up is also on offer at £4,000-£6,000. It was the fund's card in 1969.

There are also 20 signed and numbered prints on offer at estimates between £100-£400.

Appointments

John Jarvis to be Chairman of The Prince's Trust Management Board. He succeeds **Jim Gardner**.

Professor G G Roberts to be chairman of the Defence Scientific Advisory Council in succession to **Professor D E N Davies**, who is joining the Ministry of Defence as Chief Scientific Adviser.

Maura McGowan has become Recorder of the South East Circuit in succession to John Coffey.

John Edwards to be Junior of the Midland and Oxford Circuit; **Benjamin Gumpert** to be Assistant Junior.

Noel Jones to be Ambassador to Kazakhstan in succession to Sir **Brian Fall**, who will continue as Ambassador at Moscow.

Inner Temple

Anthony Hacking QC and **Hugh Bennett** QC have been elected Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple.

Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists

Professor Geoffrey V P Chamberlain has been installed as president of the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists.

Church news

The Rev Preb Richard Acworth, Vicar, St Mary Magdalene's, Taunton, is to be Archdeacon of Wells. Installation in Wells Cathedral will take place on Sunday, November 28.

The Rev Clive Blackman, Vicar, St Matthew, Thorpe Hamlet, Norwich: to be *also* Director of Training for Readers (Norwich).

The Rev Mark Kennard, Assistant Curate, Cropwell Bishop, Colston Bassett, Granby, Elton-on-the-Hill, Langar cum Barnstone and Tythby w Cropwell Butler (The Wiverton group): to be priest-in-charge, Shireoaks, St Luke, w responsibility for additional ministry in the parish of Worksop St Anne and at Bassetlaw Hospital (Southwell).

The Rev Stephen Moss, Hon Curate, St John, Clapham: to be non-stipendiary minister (and to be known as Minister-in-charge) Clapham Team Ministry w special responsibility for St John (Southwark).

The Rev Ian Prior, Team Vicar, Southgate Team Ministry: to be Vicar, Burgess Hill St Andrew (Chichester).

The Rev Edward Probert, Vicar, St Andrew, Earlsfield: to be Vicar, St John, Belmont (Southwark).

The Rev Edward Rider, Assistant Curate, Christ Church, Luton (Rochester): to be Assistant Curate, All Souls, Langham Place, w responsibility for the Clubhouse (London).

The Rev Nigel Schofield, Vicar, Colyton Team Ministry: to be Vicar, Seaton (Exeter).

The Rev Christopher Sly, Rector, Wickham Bishops and Rural Dean of Witham: to be *also* a non-residentiary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral.

The Rev Michael Tompkins, Team Vicar, Daventry Team Ministry: to be Rector, All Saints', Paston, Peterborough.

The Rev David Webber, non-stipendiary Curate, Shoreham Beach: now non-stipendiary Curate, Hove St Patrick (Chichester).

The Rev Stephen Williams, Assistant Curate, Good Shepherd, West Derby (Liverpool), and Religious Producer, BBC Radio Merseyside: to be Team Vicar in the Liverpool Team Ministry (Liverpool) and continue at Radio Merseyside.

Resignations and retirements

The Ven Stanton Durant, Archdeacon of Liverpool and Vicar, All Saints', Stoneycroft (Liverpool): has resigned.

The Rev Patrick Amos, Rector, Chiddingly w East Hoathly (Chichester): to retire as from November 20.

The Rev Alan Bartle, Vicar, Ely, Prickwillow and Chettisham (Ely): resigned on October 3.

The Rev Richard Dinnis, Vicar, Withyham (Chichester): now resigned.

The Rev Wilfrid Jarvis, Priest-in-charge, St Aidan's, Basford (Southwell): retired on September 30.

The Rev John Lashbrooke, Vicar, Horam (Chichester): to retire as from November 15.

The Rev Ian Moss, non-stipendiary Curate, Crawley Team Ministry (Chichester): now retired.

The Rev Barbara Mosse, non-stipendiary parish deacon, Southbourne w West Thornley (Chichester): now retired.

The Rev Canon John Oakes, Vicar, St John Baptist, , Northfield (Birmingham): to retire as from October 31, with Bishop's permission to officiate, same diocese.

The Rev Thomas Preston, Team Vicar, York All Saints', Pavement w St Crux and St Martin w St Helen and St Denys, and Chaplain to the Deaf within the diocese of York: to retire as from October 31.

The Rev David Tweddle, Rector, Benefield and Southwick w Glapthorne (Peterborough): to retire as from December 31.

Service luncheon

King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners Officers Association

Major-General I.H. Lyall Grant, President of the King George V's Own Bengal Sappers and Miners Officers Association, presided at the annual reunion luncheon held on Saturday at Minley Manor, Camberley.

Memorial service

The Right Rev Harry Carpenter

A memorial service for the Right Rev Harry Carpenter was held on Saturday in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. The Dean of Christ Church officiated and Canon Oliver O'Donovan led the prayers. Dr Frank Robson, Diocesan Registrar, and Dr G.B. Richardson, Warden of Keble College, read the lessons. The Rev Professor D. Nineham gave an address. The Bishop of Oxford pronounced the blessing.

Mr A.D.D. McCallum

Mr A.D.D. McCallum

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Duncan McCallum, Headmaster of Christ College, Brecon, from 1956 until 1962, will be held in the College Chapel on Saturday, October 23, at noon. Would those wishing to attend please notify the school, either by letter or by telephone (0874 623359 or 623913).

Hotel Bel Air Cap Ferrat

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M Pierre Gruneberg, Maitre Nageur at the Hotel Bel Air Cap Ferrat on the Cote d'Azur, France, is coming to England to demonstrate and teach his unique swimming method. He will be at the Lygon Arms, in Broadway, Worcestershire, from November 3-9 and the Savoy Hotel in London from November 10-12. For enquiries please telephone 071-872 8080.

Dinner

Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided over a lecture and dinner discussion at the Royal Society last Wednesday evening. Sir John Fairclough, Mr J.E. Sloggett and Mrs E.M. Bowman spoke on the subject of "Unification of the Engineering Profession".

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God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, no longer holding people's misdeeds against them, and has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation.
2 Corinthians 5 : 19

BIRTHS

ASHTON - On September 30th 1993, to Jane (née Scantlebury) and Hubert, a daughter, Sophie Clare, a sister for Sam, Clemmie and Lucy.

BEALE - On 26th September, to Louisa (née Best-Shaw) and Andrew, a son, Freddie, a brother for Rosemma.

BROWN - To Gary and Anna (née Rees), a son, Henry, born in Hong Kong on September 29th 1993.

GRAHAM - On 1st October 1993 in San Francisco to Analida and Charles, a daughter (Liliana) a sister for William and Alexander.

HETT - On September 30th in Kingston Hospital, to Nicola (née Pattison) and Jonathan, a son, James Alexander.

RENDER - On Sept 22nd to Sally (née Bosworth) and Mike, a son (Oliver Michael).

DEATHS

KELSEY - Dr. (Honeage) Marchant Kelsey, beloved husband, father and grandfather, died peacefully at home on 1st October. A funeral service will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Rudgwick at 2.30pm on Friday, 8th October. Family flowers only please.

DEATHS

BICKFORD-SMITH - On September 23rd peacefully in Cape Town. John Bickford-Smith, M.B.E., father of Vivian and Imogen. Memorial Service at St Cosmas & St Damian, Keymer, Sussex, at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 26th October.

COOKE - Donald Sydney B.E.M. passed away 27th September aged 81 years. Funeral Service and cremation at Canford Crematorium, Bristol, on Thursday 7th October at 3.40 pm. Flowers may be sent to Roy Preddy Funeral Directors, Bristol, tel: (0272) 662034.

CUTHBERTS - Debbie, dearly loved daughter of George Cursons, sister of Georgina Forman and brother-in-law Richard, passed away peacefully at Christie Hospital, Manchester on October 1st 1993, she will be sadly missed by relatives and friends.

EDWARDS - Mary, who died peacefully in hospital on September 29th, aged 97. Most loving and loved mother of Margaret. Funeral at St Peter's Church, De Beauvoir, at 2 pm Friday 8th October. Family flowers only.

GOODGER - On 1st October peacefully in Thames Valley Hospice, Jean. Much loved wife of Willie and mother of Johnny, Christopher, Tony and Benjamin. Funeral at St Joseph's Church, Austinwood Common, Chalfont St. Peter on Friday 8th October at 9.45 am followed by burial. No flowers please but donations to Thames Valley Hospice, Windsor SL4 3RW.

DEATHS

JOHNSTON - On 1st October, Priscilla Bright, dear wife of Kenneth Johnston Q.C. and dear mother of William, Catherine, Lucy and Mary, of Street, Somerset. Burial and Meeting for Worship, 3 pm on Saturday 9th October at Friends' Meeting House, Street, Somerset.

MILLS - On September 29th Major David Mills, late 9th Gurkha Rifles after a long illness most gallantly borne. Loved husband, father, grandfather. Cremation Friday 8th October at 2 pm Putney Vale. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Dial-a-Ride, 46 Weir Rd, London SW19 8UG

NELSON - On September 29th, peacefully in hospital, Alan aged 67 years. Onetime Deputy Head of Wickham Common School, Bromley, Kent. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Layhams Road, West Wickham, on Wednesday October 6th at 10.30 am. Enquiries and flowers to H. Copeland & Son Ltd., tel: (081) 650-2295.

SAVAGE - On September 25th, peacefully. Lady Doreen Audrey Savage, aged 84 years. Beloved mother of Pat and Denis, loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Loved by so many friends. Remembrance Service at Coddington Church, Coddington, Herefordshire, on Saturday 9th October at 2.30 pm.

DEATHS

SAXTON - On 28th September, tragically as the result of an accident. Sara Myfanwy Saxton. Very much loved mother of Elizabeth and son-in-law Richard and adored granny of Jessica and Corinna. Funeral Service at St Barnabas Church, Ranmore, Dorking, at 2.30 pm Thursday 7th October. Private cremation. Family flowers only; donations if desired to St Barnabas Church c/o Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

SCOTT - On September 30th 1993, peacefully in Southwold Hospital, Rosemary Katharine Scott, formerly Baines (née Gregory) who will be greatly missed by Robina, David, Yuko and Elena. Thanksgiving Service at St Margaret's, Reydon, Suffolk, at 11 am on Wednesday October 6th. No flowers but donations, if desired, to The Southwold & District Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 9 North Green, Southwold, Suffolk.

SELLS - On 29th September 1993, Sir David Sells, beloved husband of Beryl, much loved father of Andrew, Oliver and James and devoted granddaather. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Guildin Morden, on Thursday 7th October at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only. Service of Thanksgiving in London to be announced

DEATHS

TAYLOR - On 1st October Albert William (Pat) greatly loved father of Cavan, father-in-law of Helen and granddather of Karen, Sean and Camilla and special friend of all of them. Private cremation followed by thanks giving service at St Andrews Church, Oxshott at 11am on Friday 8th October. No flowers please, at his request, but donations, if desired, to the friends of Cobham Cottage Hospital, c/o James and Thomas Ltd, Mill Road, Cobham, Surrey.

THOMAS - On October 1st 1993 died peacefully at Amman Valley Hospital, Hugh aged 79 yrs. Beloved husband of Doris and father of Jeremy, Barrister at Law, last clerk of Assize, Wales and Chester circuit. Funeral at Gwynfryn Chapel, Ammanford on Wednesday 6th October at 1.45pm followed by cremation at Morriston Crematorium 3pm. Donations if wished in lieu of flowers to British Heart Foundation.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

COLMAN - Stacy. A Memorial Service for the late Stacy Colman will be held in Shrewsbury School Chapel on Saturday October 16th at 3.15 pm. All friends wishing to attend will be very welcome.

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OBITUARIES

CHARLES SCHOLEFIELD

Charles Edward Scholefield, QC, a master of the bench of the Middle Temple, died on September 23 aged 91. He was born on July 15, 1902.

ACCOMPLISHED barrister though he was, an expert on public health and local government, Charles Scholefield became most famous through his hobby. In a celebrated re-enactment 25 years ago, he played the part of that evil genius Professor Moriarty in a "struggle to the death" with Conan Doyle's hero Sherlock Holmes.

A leading member of the Sherlock Holmes Society, Scholefield — clad in the garb of a gentleman of that time — took on Holmes (the distinguished diplomat Lord Gore-Booth) near the brink of the breathtaking Reichenbach Falls in Switzerland.

Their fidelity to the script stopped short of their plunging headlong into the abyss (Holmes later to be revived by his creator) but it nonetheless intrigued their fellow countrymen at the time — not to mention the Swiss. The latest issue of *Private Eye* reprinted the picture of them.

Scholefield, who was an authority on the Holmes stories, bore little resemblance in real life to Moriarty. The son of a Barclays Bank manager from Castleford, he was educated at St Peter's School, York, before being articled to a solicitor in Wakefield.

Although admitted as a solicitor in 1925, he soon changed direction and started reading for the bar instead, being called at the Middle Temple nine years later. He practiced on the north-eastern circuit before the war, then served as a captain in the Royal Army Pay Corps for five years — his eyesight ruling him out for active service overseas.



He then practiced in London after the war, taking silk in 1959 and becoming head of his chambers before retiring in 1965. One of his briefs was to represent St John's College, Oxford, in the inquiry into building a road across Christ Church meadows. Another was to appear for Berkshire County Council in the so-called Goring Gap power line inquiry, which resulted in unsightly power lines being laid underground.

But Scholefield, tall, erect and gentlemanly, shone more in chambers and committee than in open court — where he was too self-effacing and perhaps too kind to be a brilliant advocate.

He was a local government boundary commissioner and a parliamentary boundary deputy commissioner and, between 1966 and 1973, served as chairman of the Council of Professions Supplementary to Medicine. He became a bencher of the Middle Temple in 1966.

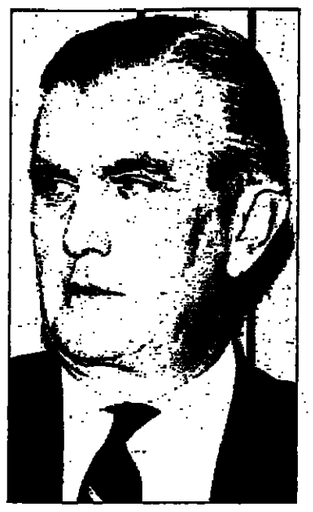
In private life, he was a prominent freemason — a past assistant grand registrar and past grand standard bearer of the United Grand Lodge of England. He was also a committed Yorkshireman, a former chairman of the Society of Yorkshiremen in London and a passionate follower of his county's cricket club. But he also enthusiastically joined the campaign (ultimately unsuccessful) to save Rutland from being erased in local government reorganisation.

He not only read voraciously but continued writing for various journals throughout his life and edited the 11th and 12th editions of Lumley's *Public Health* — a work of reference started by his great-uncle Sir Joshua Scholefield KC.

Charles Scholefield was an uncomplaining man, distinguished by his old world sense of courtesy and good manners. He married at the age of 64 but later separated from his wife. He is survived by her and a step-daughter.

SIR JOHN PRENDERGAST

Sir John Prendergast, KBE, CMG, GM, intelligence officer, died in London on September 17 aged 81. He was born in Gorey, Ireland on February 11 1912.



IT WAS hardly surprising — except to those who knew him — that John Prendergast should be written up during his lifetime as "the real life James Bond". He had the looks — he was often likened to Gary Cooper or Cary Grant — and experienced all the excitement and danger that people had come to associate with that of a spy. His career moved hand-in-hand with history, as one after another of Britain's colonies, strove — often violently — for independence, taking him to Palestine, Kenya, Cyprus, Aden and Hong Kong. He spent much of his time undercover in a succession of hot-spots and was awarded the George Medal for his bravery in the campaign against the Mau Mau in pre-independent Kenya.

Although born in Ireland, John Prendergast moved with his family to London when he was still quite young. He took an external degree at London University and began his working life in 1930 with the old Middlesex County Council, rising to the position of assistant clerk. But it was the second world war that was to dictate the direction of his future career. While with the Royal Sussex Regiment in mandated Palestine he was diverted to special duties with MI5 and took part in his first anti-terrorist operations against the Irgun and the Stern Gang, the extremist Zionist factions campaigning to turn Palestine into an independent Jewish state.

After the war he stayed on in Palestine as assistant district commissioner and had the first of many narrow escapes when he was in the King David Hotel, which was then being used as the British Army's headquarters, when it was blown up by the Irgun in July 1946. The following year he joined the Colonial Police, serving first in Palestine then moving on to the Gold Coast where he became a district head of Special Branch in the run up to the colony's independence as Ghana. In 1952 he was seconded to the Army in the Canal Zone on special duties.

Then in 1953 came his big break when he was posted to Kenya as Director of Intelligence and Security against the Mau Mau. For his part in leading more than 30 patrols into terrorist strongholds in the Aberdare Forest, he received the George Medal. He also received the Colonial Police Medal.

He was then sent, in 1958, to Cyprus as Chief of Intelligence to take on a new enemy — EOKA, the underground organisation fighting for the island's independence and eventual union with Greece. This was the Cyprus of Murder Mile and Ledra Street, with British soldiers and their families being shot in the back in the tense period before the island was declared independent in August 1960. Prendergast was responsible for running Grivas to ground and then — on the instructions of Lennox Boyd, the Colonial Secretary — allowing him to leave island rather than having him eliminated.

In the same year, Prendergast was awarded the CBE and posted to Hong Kong as Director of Special Branch. His targets this time were the agents infiltrating the colony from mainland China bent on subversion. He also renewed his links with MI5 for whom the colony provided the ideal "listening post" to monitor activity on the Chinese mainland.

In 1963 he was awarded the Queen's Police Medal. He retired from the Hong Kong police in 1966 with the rank of Deputy Commissioner of Police. But retirement was brief. He was sent as Director of Intelligence to Britain's next overseas trouble spot: Aden.

This time it was back to the dangerous world of the terrorist, trying to seperate the various warring factions fighting for independence.

In 1968 he was awarded the CMG and retired, for a second time, to Malta where he and his wife Dolly converted an old farmhouse into a beautiful and comfortable home.

After five years however, following a flying visit by Hong Kong's governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, to their whitewashed farmhouse, Prendergast was persuaded to return to the fray just one more time. On this occasion it was to engage an entirely different kind of enemy: corruption in Hong Kong.

He was made Director of Operations for the newly formed Independent Commission Against Corruption and Deputy Commissioner of Police. What made this assignment particularly difficult for a man who had spent his life in the police was that the corruption took the form of graft within the colony's police force. What made it even more difficult was that graft was such an accepted part of the colony's everyday life that many had come to believe that it could not function without it. His achievment in getting Chief Superintendent Peter Godber back to Hong Kong to stand trial after he had made a suspiciously easy get-away to England, gave the fledgling anti-corruption commission just the boost it needed to convince doubters that it meant business.

In 1977, having seen the Commision become an effective and feared anti-corruption machine, John Prendergast retired again — this time for good — first to Wiltshire, and when the rural life began to pall, to London. He was appointed KBE in 1977.

Prendergast genuinely never understood people's obsession with spies — literary or real. If he had to be likened to any he would have chosen le Carre's Smiley to Fleming's Bond. Though without doubt a man of great courage his reputation was built as much as anything on the less glamorous qualities of integrity, hard-work and an ability to get the most out of his staff.

As one might expect from someone in his line of business, he was a reticent man who preferred to let his achievments do the talking.

In London he indulged his love of books (he collected first editions); lunched at his club, the East India, and was constantly on the phone to his bookmaker and stockbroker.

One of his few regrets was that nothing useful could be found for him to do on his final retirement. However, not being one to sit around, he divided his week between acting as a porter at one local hospital, carrying patients' bags, and collecting funds for another.

When this became too much for him he worked three days a week at Heywood Hill, the bookshop in Curzon Street, sending out the bills and earning himself a welcome discount on the books. He also became a director.

He was a practicing Catholic, going to mass every Sunday wherever he was in the world. In his youth he had been a keen sportsman showing much talent at golf, tennis and particulary squash.

He was a workaholic, often taking time off at the weekends only to go to mass or to indulge his love of racing.

John Prendergast is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter.

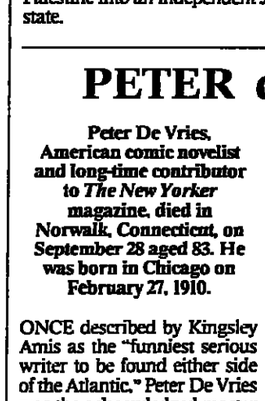
PETER de VRIES

Peter De Vries, American comic novelist and long-time contributor to *The New Yorker* magazine, died in Norwalk, Connecticut, on September 28 aged 83. He was born in Chicago on February 27, 1910.

ONCE described by Kingsley Amis as the "funniest serious writer to be found either side of the Atlantic," Peter De Vries was the acknowledged master of non sequiturs and wild misunderstandings. Although his two dozen books rarely achieved best-seller status, his talent for pungent images and his ear for language won him a devoted readership, particularly in Britain.

The son of Dutch immigrants who settled in a tightly-knit Calvinist community on Chicago's South Side, De Vries' main achievement during his four years at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, was to win the intercollegiate public speaking championship. "Possible psychological explanation: stuttered in childhood," he later wrote. "Determined to show 'em. Showed 'em. Quit. Now wouldn't go near lecture platform for $10,000 fee." And he never did.

He began working for his local newspaper, but his reporting career was short-lived. For the next few years De Vries was successively an operator of candy vending machines in Chicago, a radio actor and a peddler of toffee apples. It was not until 1939, when he was hired as associate editor by *Poetry* magazine, that he began writing seriously. His first novel, *Who Wakes the Bugler?* with illustrations by Charles Addams, was published in 1940 and was a critical success.



"It may well be," wrote the *Saturday Review of Literature*, "that this book will become known as the first wild bleat of a young voice which was soon to blossom."

But the blossoming was slow to mature. De Vries' next two books, published in 1943 and 1944, were both failures, and for a long period thereafter he restricted himself to writing stories for *The New Yorker*. His readers, he said, comprised "a small but undiscerning band."

All that changed in 1954 when he published *The Tunnel of Love*, the story of an unsuccessful cartoonist who cultivates all the vices of a great artist in the hope that talent may rub off on him. The book became a best seller. De Vries turned it into a play which attracted rave reviews and ran for a year on Broadway; a film version followed.

De Vries followed this with a series of comic novels, including *Comfort Me With Apples*, *The Mackerel Plaza* and *The Tents of Wickedness*, none of which quite achieved the acclaim of *The Tunnel of Love*. He did little writing after the 1984 publication of *The Prick of Noon*, explaining: "When you know you're done, you're done."

Peter De Vries was married to Katinka Loeser, a poet and writer, who died in 1991. He is survived by two sons and one daughter.

JOHN PENNEL



John Thomas Pennel, pole-vaulter, died of stomach and liver cancer in Santa Monica, California, on September 26, aged 53. He was born in Memphis, Tennessee.

JOHN PENNEL broke the world pole-voting record eight times during the 1960s and was the first athlete to make a vault of more than 17 feet. In one span of five months in 1963, he added more than nine inches to the world record for the pole vault — a record that had progressed by fewer than six inches over the previous 20 years, and then only after bamboo poles had been replaced by aluminium.

Pennel's secret weapon, and that of his closest rivals in the sport, was the glass fibre pole, which gave immensely improved flexibility and thrust. He began his record-breaking campaign on March 23 1963 vaulting 16ft 3in at a meeting in Memphis, and improving it four more times before shattering the 17-foot barrier in Miami on August 24.

His closest rival was Brian Sternberg, who himself set three new record heights over the same period. But Sternberg was tragically paralysed in a trampoline accident on July 2, leaving Pennel temporarily on his own at the head of his sport.

Pennel won the 1963 Sullivan Award as America's top amateur athlete, and appeared a certainty to bring back the gold medal from the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. But a back injury six weeks before the games cost him his chance of Olympic glory, and he could only manage 11th place with a vault of 15ft 5in.

His team-mate, Fred Hansen, took the gold with an Olympic record of 16ft 8¾in, well below Pennel's best.

Hansen and another American jumper, Bob Seagren, began to dominate the sport, but Pennel came back in 1966 with another record vault of 17ft 6in. Once again he was the Olympic favourite with the approach of the Mexico City games, but this time he was relegated to a fifth place finish when his pole fell under the bar at the height of 17ft 8½in.

That jump would have ensured him the bronze medal and kept him in the competition for the gold, which was won by Seagren.

To add to Pennel's discomfiture, the international athletic authorities had already voted to remove the rule requiring the pole to fall clear of the bar, but had delayed implementation of the decision until after the Olympics.

John Pennel is survived by his wife, Carolyn, and three sons.

VICENTE CANADA

Vicente Cañada Blanch, founder of the Anglo-Spanish Cultural Foundation, has died aged 93. He was born in Valencia.

VICENTE Cañada Blanch made a unique contribution to bettering understanding between the British and Spanish peoples, a cause to which he dedicated most of his life.

He took a job in London at the age of 20 in a firm of fruit importers and distributors. Shortly afterwards he branched out on his own and his company grew and prospered rapidly. By his retirement he had amassed a large fortune.

Moved by the wish to promote closer links between the two countries which had been central to his own life, he founded a school in London in 1967, primarily for the children of Spanish immigrants, which is still flourishing today: and contributed to the foundation of similar schools elsewhere in Europe, America and Australia.

In 1968 he founded the Anglo-Spanish Cultural Foundation, which since then has regularly financed postgraduate students from one country wishing to pursue their studies in the other. Earlier this year the foundation, in accordance with his wishes, changed its direction and established a professorship of Contemporary Spanish Studies at the London School of Economics.

It was a source of great pride to Cañada that the Prince of Asturias, heir to the Spanish throne, lent his name to this new chair as its patron. The professorship will be associated with a new centre for Spanish studies (to be called the Vicente Cañada Blanch Centre) which will work within the European Insitiute of the LSE.

Vicente Cañada Blanch, was unmarried.

HAYDN DAVIES

HAYDN DAVIES, who has died at the age of 81, played 423 times for Glamorgan County Cricket Club from 1935 until 1958 as a wicketkeeper. Born in Llanelli in 1912, Davies graduated in science at the University College of Wales in Aberystwyth. He made his debut for Glamorgan in 1935 against Sussex and was awarded his county cap three years later.

Although the war years intervened, Davies did not miss a county championship match from 1947 until 1957, captaining Glamorgan when Wilf Wooller was absent.

Davies achieved his highest first class score of 80 against the touring South Africans at Cardiff in 1951. He scored 6,613 first-class runs but, more importantly, held 585 catches behinds the stumps and completed 204 stumpings. On his retirement from first class cricket, Davies moved to Edinburgh Sports Club where he served as Scottish national sports coach for 17 years.

He returned to Wales in 1975 and opened a public house at Bufferland in Pembrokeshire. He was appointed president of the Welsh Squash Rackets Association and held the post until recently.

Davies is survived by a son.

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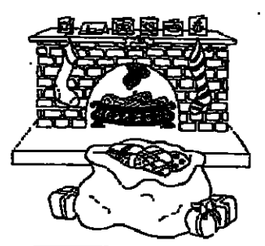
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THE NEW QUEEN

The farewell banquet given last night to Lord Hopetoun is a final and emphatic expression of the universal confidence with which his countrymen regard his assumption of the duties of first Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. It is a post of unsurpassed dignity and responsibility, and one calling for the exercise of high qualities of statesmanship ... He will carry with him the good wishes of the people of this country, and he can count upon the hearty welcome of our Australian brethren. To adopt the imagery of Mr Kipling's poem, he will be equally in the confidence of the young Queen and of the old, of the Commonwealth that has just acquired her crown and of the mother country which adds another great confederation to the vast fabric of Empire. We can wish for him nothing better than Mr. Kipling's boon - the people's love, tempered, august, abiding.

Her hand was still on her sword-hilt - the spur
was still on her heel -
She had not cast her harness of grey war-
dinted steel:
High on her red-splashed charger, beautiful
bold and browned,
Bright-eyed out of the battle, the Young
Queen rode to be crowned.

ON THIS DAY
OCTOBER 4 1900

Kipling's poem was a prelude to Australia's joining the British Commonwealth at the beginning of 1901. The references to blood and steel are an acknowledgement of the part played by Australian troops in the Boer war

And she came to the Old Queen's presence, in
the Hall of Our Thousand Years -
In the Hall of the Five Free Nations that are
peers among their peers:
Royal she gave the greeting, loyal she bowed
the head,
Crying: "Crown me, my Mother!" And the
Old Queen stood and said:-
"How can I crown thee further? I know
whose standard flies
"Where the clean surge takes the Leewin or
the notched Kaikouras rise.
"Blood of our foes on thy bridle and speech
of our friends in thy mouth -
"How can I crown thee further, O Queen of
the Sovereign South?
"Let the Five Free Nations witness!" But
the Young Queen answered swift:
"It shall be crown of Our crowning to hold
Our crown for a gift.
"In the days when Our folk were feeble thy
sword made sure Our lands -
"Wherefore We come in power to beg Our
crown at thy hands." ...
And the Old Queen stooped in the stillness
where the jewelled head drooped low:
"Daughter no more but Sister, and doubly
Daughter so-
"Mother of many princes - and child of the
child I bore,
"What good thing shall I wish thee that I have
not wished before? ...
"Ay, we be women together - I give thee thy
people's love:
"Tempered, august, abiding, reluctant of
prayers or vows,
"Eager in face of peril as thine for thy
mother's house. -
"God requite thee, my Sister, through the
strenuous years to be,
"And make thy people to love thee as thou
hast loved me!"

RUDYARD KIPLING.

THE TIMES TODAY

MONDAY OCTOBER 4 1993

NEWS

Yeltsin orders tanks to Moscow

■ After a day of unprecedented violence in Moscow, President Yeltsin declared a state of emergency last night and ordered tanks from three armoured divisions to advance towards the capital and restore order.

Earlier, forces loyal to his opponents had stormed the headquarters of state television and press agency as pro-communist demonstrators clashed violently in the streets with riot police..... **Pages 1, 12, 17**

Clarke signals deeper spending cuts

■ Kenneth Clarke signalled yesterday that he is preparing a package of painful spending cuts in the toughest public spending round since the Tories took office, as members of the Cabinet rallied to support John Major on the eve of the Conservative party conference..... **Page 1, 2, 10, 16, 17**

Ambulance haggle

Ambulance workers, a doctor and social workers haggled over the £3.25-a-mile cost of an ambulance to a nursing home as a woman of 73 who had collapsed at home lay on the floor for four hours **Page 1**

BBC dilemma

Research by the BBC has shown that programmes such as *Panorama* and *On The Record* were alienating large sections of the public..... **Page 2**

College cuts

In their efforts to cope with a continuing squeeze on their budgets, universities have cut spending on libraries and increased class sizes..... **Page 2**

Girl crippled

Irma Hadzimuratovic, 5, the Bosnian girl brought to Britain with spinal injuries, is not expected to walk again..... **Page 12**

Burial enquiry

Harrogate council will investigate why Valerie Lockwood was told that her son's coffin was 6 in too long to be buried in the children's cemetery..... **Page 4**

Hunt for heirs

Solicitors are seeking relatives of Nancy Platt, who died in April, aged 97, leaving £8 million **Page 3**

Clinton hint

Hillary Clinton, the wife of the American president, has deplored a new wave of violence in Washington, calling for action and fuelling speculation that she might tackle the problem **Page 11**

Rovers return

Hundreds of buyers have taken advantage of the manufacturer's "no quibble" guarantee to return Rover cars. More than half of them took other models, but the rest got their money back **Page 3**

Chess draw

World champion Garry Kasparov is ahead 8½-3½ against Nigel Short, his British challenger, after another draw in *The Times* World Chess Championship..... **Page 9**

Mandela U-turn

Winnie Mandela, whose militant speeches won her huge support among South African blacks, has discarded her usual combat fatigues and renounced war talk..... **Page 11**

Looting army

Abkhazian soldiers have launched a campaign of looting and ethnic cleansing against defeated Georgians..... **Page 12**

Women in jail

Women in jail face more mental health problems than men, a *Times* enquiry found..... **Pages 1, 7**

Reform backing

Government plans to end a defendant's right of silence have the backing of the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth..... **Page 8**

Quake areas sealed

Security forces sealed of areas of western India devastated by last week's earthquake against looters and sightseers..... **Page 13**

Gazza dazzles in Miltonian ode

■ Paul Gascoigne, the England and Lazio football star who recently submitted his own poem to a charity anthology, is to be celebrated as the hero in a Miltonian ode. The literary magazine, *Granta*, is to publish a piece by Ian Hamilton entitled *Gazza Agonistes*, after Milton's 1671 epic, *Samson Agonistes*..... **Page 1**

MARC ASPLAND



Finishing touches are applied by one pearly queen to the colourful headgear of another before they make their way to the annual harvest festival service for pearly kings and queens held at St Martin-in-the-Fields church, Trafalgar Square, London

SPORT

Boxing: Lennox Lewis won everything but respect in beating Frank Bruno in Cardiff. Srikumar Sen reports..... **Pages 21, 23**

Football: Tottenham Hotspur scored twice in the last five minutes to beat Everton 3-2 in the Premier League. In the first division, after a goalless first half against West Bromwich Albion, Derby County triumphed 5-3..... **Pages 21, 26, 27**

Racing: Urban Sea, trained in France by Jean Lesbordes, was a 37-1 winner of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp. The British challengers ran well, with White Muzzle finishing second, half a length ahead of Opera House, third..... **Pages 24, 25**

BUSINESS

Gas option: Energy minister Tim Eggar has issued licences to explore for coal-bed methane and asked officials to estimate available gas stocks in deep coal mines being closed..... **Page 40**

Hospital merger: President Clinton's health reforms have prompted a $5.6 billion merger between two of America's biggest healthcare companies..... **Page 40**

Cracking China: Jaguar announces today that it will sell its luxury cars in China through Hong Kong distributors Inchcape..... **Page 40**

Waste not: Germany's ambitious "green" plans for collecting and sorting domestic waste are swamping recycling companies..... **Page 38**

FEATURES

Working wardrobe: Whatever happens on the catwalks, whatever the designers decree, there will always be someone who simply needs something to wear to the office. Iain R. Webb on clothes that will work for work..... **Page 15**

Home guard rebels: Husbands at war, children at boarding school, gossip around the swimming pool? Julia Llewellyn Smith on the reality of an army wife's life..... **Page 14**

EDUCATION

Reformed concept: John Patten, the education secretary, wants the second wave of specialist technology schools to be cheaper and more successful than the first..... **Page 29**

ARTS

Hare trilogy complete: The premiere on Saturday of *The Absence of War* — an unflattering portrait of the Labour party — completes David Hare's "state of the nation" sequence of plays. Benedict Nightingale was there..... **Page 33**

Song of captivity: A week of BBC television and radio programmes is focusing on the music of Terezin, the Nazi transit camp where Czech Jews, despite facing transportation to Auschwitz, organised an extraordinarily rich diet of opera, concert and cabaret life..... **Page 34**

Wilson years: Enoch Powell reviews Philip Ziegler's authorised biography of the former Labour leader, Harold Wilson..... **Page 35**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Benazir Bhutto, former prime minister of Pakistan, holds a slender lead in opinion polls three days before the general election **Page 13**



Daniel, son of the late Lord Moynihan and Jinna Sabiaga, whose claim to the hereditary peerage is to be challenged in the House of Lords **Page 3**



Nicola Fairbrother, silver medallist in the 1992 Olympics, won the under-56 kg gold medal at the world judo championships in Hamilton, Ontario **Page 24**

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Fair play on legal aid

■ Martyn Day on the way ordinary people have to fight the multi-national giants even before they get to court

The power of hatred

■ Bernard Levin on the overpowering emotion of hatred, which is experienced and understand only by the human race

The inimitable Mr Campbell

■ Ken Campbell, who imagined concerts for underwater orchestras and snorkelling audiences, is back with a new show at the National Theatre

TV LISTINGS

Blacks dominate boxing, athletics and basketball; why not swimming or golf? *Will to Win: Myth and Reality* (BBC2, 7.40pm)..... **Page 39**

OPINION

Mayhem in Moscow

To use the Russian army in civil strife will end in strife in the army. Or so the dictum runs. The future of Boris Yeltsin's leadership now depends on his proving this false..... **Page 17**

One Tory day at a time

To call for greater protection from rivals for a Tory prime minister in office will hardly help Mr Major..... **Page 17**

Labour's Hare shirt

Labour allowed the playwright David Hare to eavesdrop on its councils and track Neil Kinnock during the 1992 election campaign. What sort of dramatic dish did they think he would produce? A politically correct green salad?.. **Page 17**

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The Conservative party has six months to recover its morale and to convince the public that the government is at least reasonably effective..... **Page 16**

PETER RIDDELL

The Tories have been in office for too long. That is the real cause of the party's current malaise **Page 16**

MATTHEW PARRIS

One of the things about becoming a grown-up that one most looked forward to was not having to kiss people one didn't want to. By 1969, at the age of 20, it was all going fine: one had virtually stopped kissing people..... **Page 16**

LETTERS

The risk that medical negligence claims might not go ahead because of the lack of legal aid is a travesty of justice, says a solicitor with experience in this field..... **Page 17**

THE PAPERS

A food plan is essential for those who believe that the Bosnians should be helped to fight on

The Washington Post

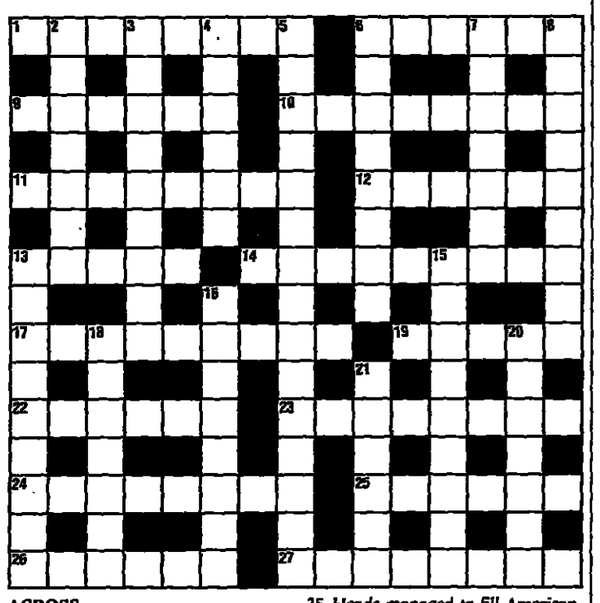
At last, America's role in the world can be driven by choices about where and where not to intervene, and by what means

The New York Times

If Colonel Gaddafi yields up the Lockerbie suspects for trial, it will be a different Libya from the one that other nations have scorned over the years

The Washington Post

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,352



ACROSS

1 Hit and run, lacking care (8)
6 Seat long displayed in court (6)
9 Hold up in motorway turn before deep diversion (6)
10 Champion isn't commonly found in deep water (8)
11 Chaff ordered to keep one horse (8)
12 Stick with company at present (6)
13 Reportedly remained sober (5)
14 Dissipation in Paris with a lady all but heavenly! (9)
17 Awful digs in solitary surroundings nearby (9)
19 Pawn opening has appeal (5)
22 Creature found in the larger billabongs (6)
23 Fighting sloth (8)
24 Shrub is to be planted in river bank finally (8)
25 Heads managed to fill American agency (6)
26 Small flower for function permitted (6)
27 In doorway, about to take in petition (8)

DOWN

2 Endure without doctors held up in strike (7)
3 Foresight shown in editing centre of newspaper first (9)
4 Primate's mounting reputation year by year (3-3)
5 Revolutionary device made with Kremlin cash allocation (6,3,6)
6 Young female bird — or converse (4-4)
7 Might they cure the lady's intake of drink? (7)
8 Small Dickensian overcome by strain died and went under (9)
13 Merriment following opening of show is killing! (9)
15 Disquieted with disordered military command (3,2,4)
16 Reader of lines about son of David (8)
18 A ransom extorted from one in eight, say (7)
20 A damp environment for Royal lover (7)
21 Mare on racecourse may need it for luck (6)

KNOCKANDO

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,351 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a stationery rack

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WEATHER

Scotland will start cloudy and wet, though southern parts will slowly brighten up. The rest of the country will have sunshine and showers. Some of the showers will be heavy and thundery, especially in Northern Ireland and southwest England. Eastern parts, however, will probably have lighter showers with some places staying dry. It will be a breezy day over central and southern Britain. Outlook: unsettled with heavy showers.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun, sl=sleet, sn=snow, f=fair, c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	18	64	t	Madrid	19	66	f
Akrotiri	26	79	s	Majorca	20	68	f
Alex'dria	27	81	f	Malaga	23	73	s
Algiers	23	73	f	Malta	21	70	r
Amst'dm	13	55	r	Melb'rne	13	55	r
Athens	25	77	s	Miami*	30	86	f
Bahrain	36	97	s	Milan	17	63	s
Barbados*	31	88	f	Montreal*	12	54	c
Barcelona	21	70	s	Moscow	10	50	s
Beirut	26	79	f	Munich	12	54	c
Belgrade	15	59	r	Nairobi	27	81	f
Berlin	15	59	c	Naples	20	68	c
Bermuda*	28	82	f	N Delhi	39	90	s
Biarritz	13	55	r	N York*	22	72	s
Borda'x	16	61	r	Nice	21	70	f
Brussels	15	59	f	Oslo	8	46	r
Budapst	13	55	r	Paris	17	63	f
B Aires*	16	61	c	Peking	25	77	s
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Cape Tn	18	64	s	Prague	15	59	f
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Cologne	11	52	r	Rhodes	25	77	s
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Frankfurt	12	54	f	S Paulo*	27	81	c
Funchal	23	73	f	Seoul	23	73	f
Geneva	10	50	r	Sr'kholm	7	45	c
Gibraltar	21	70	s	Strasb'rg	13	55	c
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Luxembg	12	54	c	Wash'ton*	21	70	s
Luxor	35	95	s	Zurich	11	52	c

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Humidity 6pm, 68 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 7.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,000.2 millibars, steady
1,000 millibars = 29.53in

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Torquay, Devon 17C (63F), lowest day max: Spadeadam, Cumbria 10C (50F); highest rainfall, Kenley, London 2.05in; highest sunshine Falmouth, Cornwall 7.0hr

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F), min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.4hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.7hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.61	13	55	cloudy
Anglesey	1.1	0.08	13	55	shower
Aviemore	1.2	0.67	14	57	rain
Ballast	0.4	0.11	12	54	shower
Birmingham	0.1	0.24	13	55	cloudy
Bognor Regis	6.8	0.58	17	63	shower
Bournemouth	0.6	0.27	14	57	shower
Bristol	0.8	-	15	59	cloudy
Buxton	0.3	0.42	11	52	cloudy
Cardiff	2.9	-	15	58	cloudy
Clacton	2.9	0.40	14	57	bright
Colwyn Bay	1.2	0.35	14	57	rain
Edinburgh	-	0.43	14	57	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	-	0.21	11	52	shower
Exmouth	5.3	0.02	15	59	bright
Falmouth	7.0	0.12	15	59	sunny
Folkestone	5.6	0.48	15	59	shower
Glasgow	0.6	0.28	15	59	shower
Guernsey	4.6	0.49	15	59	bright
Hastings	2.8	0.36	15	59	shower
Isle of Man	0.6	0.33	13	55	rain
Jersey	1.3	0.30	15	59	shower
Kinloss	2.1	0.57	15	59	rain
Leeds	-	0.60	13	55	rain
Lerwick	-	0.24	10	50	rain
Littlehampton	6.1	0.88	16	61	shower
Liverpool	3.6	0.17	15	59	bright
London	1.7	1.06	14	57	rain
Lowestoft	4.3	0.17	15	59	bright
Manchester	1.3	0.55	14	57	rain
Margate	5.0	0.41	15	59	shower
Minehead	3	0.27	15	59	bright
Morecambe	1.7	0.18	14	57	rain
Newcastle	0.5	0.15	13	55	shower
Newquay	4.2	0.15	14	57	bright
Nottingham	0.1	0.31	13	55	shower
Penzance	5.6	0.25	16	61	rain
Plymouth	6.7	0.06	15	59	bright
Poole	1.6	0.39	15	59	shower
Saunton Snd	6.8	0.56	15	59	bright
Scarborough	-	0.09	13	55	dull
Scilly Isles	4.8	0.01	15	59	sunny
Shanklin	2.3	0.71	15	59	rain
Southend	3.9	0.45	15	59	shower
Southsea	2.5	0.29	16	61	rain
Stornoway	1.4	0.11	13	55	rain
Teignmouth	6.2	0.01	16	61	bright
Tenby	6.6	0.07	14	57	sunny
Tiree	2.4	0.22	16	61	rain
Torquay	6.9	0.02	17	63	bright
Weymouth	1.5	0.02	15	59	cloudy

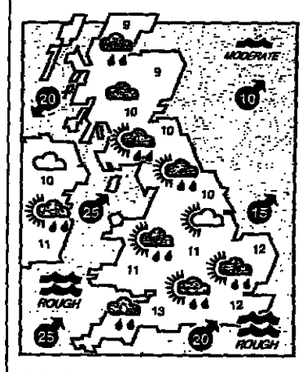
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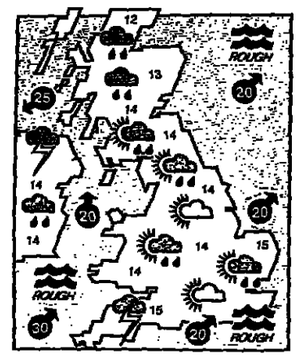
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Australia $	2.40	2.20
Austria Sch	18.23	16.73
Belgium Fr	55.99	51.59
Canada $	2.11	1.95
Cyprus Cyp£	0.785	0.715
Denmark Kr	10.48	9.68
Finland Mkk	9.32	8.52
France Fr	9.00	8.30
Germany Dm	2.59	2.38
Greece Dr	368.50	341.50
Hong Kong $	12.21	11.21
Iceland Kr	1.092	1.012
Italy Lira	2478.00	2323.00
Japan Yen	176.50	157.00
Malta	0.605	0.550
Netherlands Gld	2.805	2.675
Norway Kr	11.27	10.47
Portugal Esc	262.50	244.00
South Africa Rd	5.90	5.00
Spain Pta	204.00	190.00
Sweden Kr	12.68	11.88
Switzerland Fr	2.267	2.067
Turkey Lira	18800.00	17800.00
USA $	1.592	1.462

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AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 7.02 pm to 6.36 am
Bristol 7.11 pm to 6.46 am
Edinburgh 7.10 pm to 6.52 am
Manchester 7.09 pm to 6.46 am
Penzance 7.24 pm to 6.57 am

Sun rises: 7.08 am
Sun sets: 6.32 pm
Moon rises 7.50 pm
Moon sets 11.03 am

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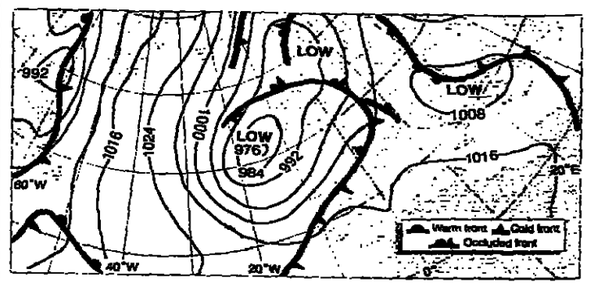
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B'mngham	15	59	f	Inverness	15	59	s
Blackpool	15	59	f	Jersey	15	59	f
Bristol	15	59	s	London	16	61	s
Cardiff	17	63	f	M'nchester	13	55	f
Edinburgh	14	57	c	Newcastle	14	57	f
Glasgow	14	57	c	R'nldsway	13	55	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.27	6.9	4.38	7.0	Liverpool	1.38	9.1	1.50	9.0
Aberdeen	3.42	4.1	4.05	4.0	Lowestoft	—	—	12.03	2.4
Avonmouth	9.46	12.5	10.04	12.3	Margate	2.24	4.6	2.37	4.7
Belfast	1.19	3.4	1.38	3.5	Milford Haven	8.47	6.6	9.04	6.5
Cardiff	9.31	11.6	9.49	11.4	Newquay	7.37	6.8	7.55	6.5
Devonport	8.22	5.2	8.35	5.1	Oban	8.06	3.9	8.26	3.8
Dover	1.17	6.4	1.29	6.5	Penzance	7.22	5.3	7.36	5.2
Falmouth	7.52	5.0	8.05	4.9	Portland	9.12	2.0	9.30	1.8
Glasgow	3.30	4.5	3.41	4.7	Portsmouth	1.42	4.5	1.58	4.5
Harwich	2.20	4.0	2.33	4.0	Shoreham	1.31	5.9	1.45	5.9
Holyhead	12.40	5.4	12.57	5.3	Southampton	1.13	4.4	1.29	4.4
Hull	8.54	7.2	9.08	7.0	Swansea	8.26	8.8	8.47	8.7
King's Lynn	9.01	6.4	9.19	6.2	Tees	6.04	5.2	6.26	5.0
Leith	4.59	5.2	5.27	5.1	Wilton-on-Nze	2.14	4.2	2.27	4.2

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Static performance clouds Lewis's vision



Srikumar Sen analyses the champion's boxing future after his victory over Bruno

LENNOX Lewis must make a critical appraisal of his performance against Frank Bruno if he is to become undisputed world heavyweight champion when he meets Riddick Bowe, the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation champion, next year. Lewis's performance in beating Bruno at Cardiff Arms Park was well short of true world championship class. No matter how much Lewis and his manager, Frank Maloney, might try to explain away the World Boxing Council champion's showing, both must know that the excuse of coming into the ring too cold is not convincing.

They will have to consider why, after six weeks of intensive and expensive training in America, Lewis, 28, was unable to produce boxing of any consequence against a limited opponent. Despite Lewis's seventh-round victory on Saturday, no one, outside his camp, could be found to applaud his boxing. He remains unbeaten but this, his 24th bout, was careless, indulgent, sloppy and unskilled. Bruno lost for the fourth time in 40 contests, three of which were for world titles.

Rock Newman, who manages Bowe, said yesterday that both Bowe and his trainer, Eddie Futch, could not believe "how bad" Lewis was as they watched the bout on television at their training camp in Lake Tahoe. Futch said Lewis would be no trouble for Bowe, while Bowe was scared that Bruno would win and he would not get his chance to beat Lewis.

Newman said: "Lennox Lewis against Riddick Bowe would be an uneven contest because Lewis hasn't learned to fight. He was like an amateur. It's not surprising because for five years Riddick has been in the hands of one of the world's greatest trainers while Lennox Lewis has had nobody to teach him anything and he's gone backwards. He hasn't learned to box or punch and didn't know what to do, hit or run. He was getting hit by Bruno's jab.

"I was scared Bruno was going to win and we'd lose an easy pay-day. Bowe would have knocked Bruno out in two or three rounds and Eddie said Riddick would have no trouble with Lewis. At best, Lewis is an average boxer and his reputation rests on the one punch that knocked out Razor Ruddock."

Newman was impressed with the way Bruno, who is 32 in November, took the fight to Lewis. He said he would like to talk to Bruno and his trainer, George Francis. "We will be interested in bringing them over when we are training for Lewis," Newman said. Lewis and Bowe are expected to meet in September or November next year.

In case Lewis thinks Newman is biased, he should know that other Americans in the sport were equally unimpressed. Lou Duva, who trained Evander Holyfield and whose son, Dan, promotes Lewis, and who is thus on Lewis's side, said: "I thought he didn't look like a real heavyweight champion. He fought with guts and showed a lot of heart but I couldn't understand his battle plan. He looked like he was an amateur,like he was boxing in the 1988 Olympics. I think he will pick up and improve. He'll look at the tape and look at what he did wrong. He needs to do that."

Bob Arum, the promoter of the Lewis v Tommy Morrison bout on March 5 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, was delighted that the match was now looking more competitive. He believed this Lewis would stand no chance with Bowe. "I think Morrison will beat Lewis on this performance, but Riddick Bowe would destroy this guy," Arum said. "Lewis was so amateurish. Leading with the right hand and his left was nothing, nothing at all. Suddenly, Lewis and Morrison is a big, big fight because it's become a really competitive fight."

Clearly, Lewis, like most people, had underestimated Bruno and had thought, rightly, that the first solid blow would render Bruno helpless. It did, but not until the seventh round. But in his eagerness to land it, he did not reckon on Bruno's boxing and forgot his own defence. Bruno boxed far better this time than in all his previous 39 contests put together. There can be little doubt that the disparaging remarks Lewis is alleged to have made about the challenger had psyched him up. He appeared to be fighting for his name from the way he was banging his gloves together and muttering to himself when he came into the ring.

Bruno held his left hand high, which prevented Lewis from getting through with the big right hand cleanly, and pressed Lewis from the first bell. Thus Lewis, who is a long-range puncher, was neither able to operate from far or close in. All he could do was throw big, ungainly right hands which never found the target cleanly and twice threw him off balance.

But it has to be said for Lewis that he never lost his poise, even with the crowd against him, and came from behind. Once he connected with the disabling left hook in the seventh round, he finished the job well with a merciless barrage of well-placed weighty punches, the type that a peak form Mike Tyson unleashed.

Therein lay the difference between the two men. The champion could go into overdrive when required, while Bruno, being musclebound, could not follow up quickly when he had Lewis hurt in the third round. If Lewis can regain form, the same punch that stopped Bruno will knock out Bowe.



Lewis's sunglasses hide the eye injury sustained in his successful, but unimpressive, WBC heavyweight championship defence

'I thought Lewis didn't look like a real champion. I didn't understand his battle plan.'

Clearly, Bruno does not have a great future at the highest level and should consider retirement. It will be a hard decision to make, for he is still by far the best heavyweight after Lewis in Europe and providing he hasn't suffered any serious injuries, he can still manoeuvre himself into a position to make around another million.

Losing to Lewis was no disgrace. The champion has an impeccable pedigree. Bruno may have to prove himself again if he wishes to carry on, but this should not be too difficult with cries still in the air for a match with Herbie Hide, the Norwich heavyweight. That should be an easy £500,000 for Bruno.

His decision could depend on what he remembers of the fight with Lewis in days to come: the terrifying last moments or the rounds in which he had Lewis in trouble and the scorecard that had him four rounds in front at the end.

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Back row holds key to England success

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

IF ENGLAND get their back row right against New Zealand, Geoff Cooke said yesterday, they will be on the way to a successful season. If Cooke, the manager of England's rugby union side, needed a reminder on the subject, Neil Back threw down yet another gauntlet to the national team management to pick him in that back row at Twickenham on November 27.

Back, the Leicester flanker whose lack of inches has been a talking point for a year, provided the latest in a series of outstanding displays for his club against Wasps in their league meeting on Saturday and then confirmed that there is no other No 7 he fears in the pursuit of the England vacancy left by Peter Winterbottom.



Callard: contender

"I'm confident I'm the man for the England job, but the selectors have to be confident, too," Back, 24, said. "Every game for me is vital because I think people are looking to pick holes, but I'm not playing the game just to play club rugby. I'm playing for an international cap."

Back was one of an extended squad that trained at Harlequins yesterday as England began their preparations, not only for New Zealand but the first phase of their build-up towards the 1995 Rugby World Cup. "We have three, possibly four, vital decisions to make," Cooke said. He described the composition of the back row as "crucial to our success".

There is speculation that England might choose Dean Richards and Ben Clarke and introduce Tim Rodber — capped twice at No 8 — on the open-side flank. However, the divisional matches against the New Zealanders and the make-up of the England A side, which will play the touring side at Gateshead on November 7, will influence the selectors before the team for Twickenham is chosen.

But Cooke appeared to close even further the door to Jeff Probyn, the veteran Wasps prop omitted at 37 from the training squad: "At the moment, Probyn isn't featuring in our plans for the 1995 World Cup," Cooke said. "The New Zealand game is part of our plans for 1995. Even so, it only needs an injury or two and the situation changes."

One of the other vacancies England must fill is full back, which is developing into a two-horse race between Ian Hunter and Jonathan Callard. Callard kicked 16 points for Bath against Gloucester on Saturday. "We must feel confident that somewhere in the team there is one good goalkicker and one back-up kicker, on the field," Cooke said. Every point he scores — and he is averaging 13 per league match — will count in Callard's favour.

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Tottenham steal points in late show

Tottenham Hotspur.....3
Everton.....2

By Keith Pike

WHAT a difference a day makes. Twenty-four hours after Liverpool and Arsenal had sent an Anfield crowd to sleep, their neighbours, Everton, yesterday kept a national audience on the edge of its armchairs. Satellite television may stand accused of hijacking the national game, but when it can give a match like this something approaching the audience it deserves, who can quibble.

Tottenham won it thrillingly, equalising 75 seconds from time and turning relief into rapture two minutes into stoppage time when Darren Caskey marked his first full match with his first goal and then his first booking, for celebrating too vigorously. Yet who could blame him?

It was that sort of game, when emotion, skill and strength combine to leave a crowd breathless. You took your eyes off the action at your peril, Tottenham launching waves of attacks at Southall's goal and Everton repelling them resolutely before striking in turn and at pace.

Eventually, though, Everton cracked, allowing Tottenham to go fifth in the FA Carling Premiership. Everton have now failed to win at White Hart Lane in their last eight attempts and they must wonder if they ever will again.

Everton, unchanged despite conceding three goals to Lincoln and five at home to Norwich, initially seemed likely to repay Howard Kendall's faith in them. Resisting Tottenham's early surges thanks to the first of many crucial interventions by Ablett, they took the lead after 19 minutes with a goal from the Tottenham textbook.

Eight pinpoint passes transformed defence into attack, the ball going from right to left and back again before Holmes's cross was met at the near post by Rideout's head just before Thorstvedt's hands. In keeping with the afternoon, it was a minor classic.

TOP SIX

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Man Utd	10	8	1	1	22	8	25
2 Arsenal	10	6	2	2	12	6	20
3 Leeds	10	6	1	3	14	10	19
4 Norwich	10	5	3	2	19	11	18
5 Tottenham	10	5	3	2	17	10	18
6 Blackburn	10	5	3	2	14	10	18

Yet such was the tempo of Tottenham's attacks that, for all Holmes's industry and Ablett's alertness, the home side might have scored three times in two minutes just before the break. Sheringham was denied by two goal-line clearances, first by Hinchcliffe and then Ebbrell. Then Southall twisted in mid-air to turn Calderwood's header over.

But the fun was only just beginning. On the hour, it was 1-1, Sheringham for once escaping Ablett's attentions to head his eighth goal in eight games. Seven minutes later, Everton had regained the lead through Cottee's penalty, Mabbutt — making his 500th senior appearance — having brought the striker down.

It might have stayed that way, too, had Kendall kept his nerve. The lively Beagrie, having just thundered a shot against the bar, was surprisingly withdrawn and, with two minutes to go, Cottee was also pulled off. Rarely can such a move have misfired so badly.

If Everton looked distraught at Anderton's equaliser — a difficult chance made to look easy — they were mortified when Caskey, who captained the England under-18 side to victory in the European championship in the summer, added insult in injury-time, punishing an elementary mistake by Holmes with a low shot into the corner. For entertainment, this game will take some beating.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-1-2-1-2): E Thorstvedt — D Kamiska, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, S Campbell (sub: D Hill, 20min; sub: P Moran, 74) — V Samways — D Caskey, S Sedgley — J Dozzell — D Anderton, E Sheringham.
EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — P Holmes, M Jackson, G Ablett, A Hinchcliffe — M Ward, B Horne, J Ebbrell, P Beagrie (sub: P Radosavljevic, 74) — A Cottee (sub: S Barlow, 88), P Rideout.
Referee: R Milford.

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Dalton leads fleet as Smith slinks home

By Barry Pickthall

GRANT Dalton's 85ft Whitbread Round the World Race yacht, New Zealand Endeavour, continued to keep the leading Whitbread 60-footers at bay, but the other maxis had begun to lose touch as the fleet passed well to the west of the Canary Islands over the weekend on the first stage of the race to Punta del Este, Uruguay.

Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss maxi, Merit Cup, had dropped 34 miles behind Dalton's yacht yesterday and La Poste, the French entry skippered by Daniel Malle, was almost 90 miles adrift after damaging her mizzen mast last week.

The fleet was joined on Saturday by Anatoly Verba's 60ft Ukrainian entry, Odessa, which set out from Southampton almost 1,500 miles behind the tail-enders. Yesterday, Verba's crew passed Lawrie Smith's dismasted maxi, Fortuna, as the retired Spanish yacht made her way back up the English Channel towards Hamble.

Smith, who has maintained radio silence since being ordered to quit the race last week, turned off the satellite beacon used to track the yacht early yesterday and this dispirited crew was expected to return unannounced to their berth on the Hamble early today.

As Odessa cut through the inside passage past Ushant yesterday, Chris Dickson's New Zealand 60-footer, Tokio, continued to provide the closest competition for New Zealand Endeavour after Ross Field's Yamaha dropped back gradually from second to seventh in the fleet.

Javier de la Gandara's Spanish crew on Galicia 93 trail 30 miles behind Tokio and have Roger Nilson's European entry, Intrum Justitia, and Winston, skippered by Dennis Conner, chasing a further eight miles astern.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14.00GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta del Este, Uruguay). Maxi class: 1, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ), 4,012 miles; 2, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz), 4,046; 3, La Poste (D Malle, Fr), 4,101; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru), 4,306. Whitbread 60 class: 1, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ), 4,030; 2, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp), 4,050; equal 3, Intrum Justitia (R Nilson, Eur) and Winston (D Conner, US), 4,484; 5, Yamaha (R Field, NZ), 4,060; 6, Dolphin and Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB), 4,148; 7, Heiman Sahaidachny (E Pleton, Ukr), 4,214; 8, Brooksfield (G Maisto, It), 4,240 (estimate); 9, US Women's Challenge (N Frank, US), 4,280; 10, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr), 5,742.
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Outstanding performance, but could do better


Harris: decisive

David Hands meets a Leicester coach not satisfied with his team's overwhelming victory over Wasps

SCRATCH a good flank forward and you are likely to find a coach underneath. Ian Smith gave Leicester a decade of service in the back row and, in what seems like no time at all, he is developing into a fine coach — the sort who will always insist that things could be better.

Better? Leicester's 38-6 victory at Welford Road on Saturday was the most comprehensive Courage Clubs Championship defeat ever inflicted on Wasps, whose record for consistency in the competition is second only to Bath's. For sustained high quality of performance, the near-9,000 crowd will have seen little to match it in recent years and this, remember, without the potent strike force on the wings, the Underwoods.

It was that, as much as anything, that had the Leicester coaching staff hugging themselves with glee: that they could go into a match against championship contenders without their international wings and John Liley, their leading points-scorer over the last three seasons, and win by three goals, a try, three penalty goals and a dropped goal to two somewhat forlorn penalties. Their precise, finely-crafted rugby was a pleasure to watch in a season which has been so short of quality.

"It's not good enough, but it's coming," Smith, not a noted killjoy, said. "There were some half-chances that turned out to be three points when they might have been seven."

Wasps, too, made their contribution to the match. These are two footballing sides and the Londoners, even when they were beaten so consistently for loose ball and their lineout was taking a hammering, kept trying to play and demonstrated the depth of the Leicester defence, as well as the breadth of their attack.

"They were outstanding," Rob Andrew said, "and if they play like that every week they will push Bath. But the thing about the league is whether anyone can sustain that sort of performance, week in and week out."

Neil Back seems to do so. Those who saw him play at Gloucester the previous Saturday pondered whether even he might not be a touch stale, but against Wasps he was irrepressible. He scored a try, he breathed life into dying movements and three times he produced telling tactical kicks — he used to kick for goal up to the age of 18.

If there were a breed of terrier with a blond mop and inexhaustible energy, it would be called a Backhound. His fitness is already legendary and his speed to the ball permits Leicester to use their forces in a variety of ways, nearly every one of which worked against Wasps. For example, when John Wells scored the try that gave the Tigers their 21-6 interval lead, it was because he and Matt Poole had been left posted on the right of the field as the backs went left and then Back helped recycle the ball for the excellent Wayne Kilford to catch even as well-organised a defence as Wasps hopping.

"Wasps are a good side, we could not spot any weaknesses beforehand," Back said, "but it's easier for any back-row forward if his side can cross the gain-line and if the half backs, who are the key decision-makers, can use their authority and continue play."

The halves did so to such effect that Jez Harris scored 18 points, three of them from a dropped goal. With his forwards putting such fierce pressure on Rob Andrew, Harris had time and space to select his options and his forwards did the rest. Possession from the lineout that was sweet as a nut.

Leicester's only problem is the number of penalties they are conceding, two of which Andrew kicked, but they were the only ones within range of the posts and while so much else goes right, Leicester's coaches have time to solve what they regard as a technical problem in training.

Wasps, too, must show in training this week that their resolve remains as strong as ever: their next opponents at Sudbury, before the league takes a breather, are unbeaten Bath.

SCORERS, Leicester: Tries: Back, Wells, Poole, Richards Conversions: Harris (3). Penalty goals: Harris (3) Dropped goal: Harris. Wasps: Penalty goals: Andrew (2)

LEICESTER: W Kilford: S Hackney, S Potter, I Bates, D Whitley; J Harris, A Kardooni; G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, J Wells, M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, D Richards

WASPS: A Buzza; P Hopley, F Clough, D Hopley, C Oti, R Andrew, M Skinner, G Holmes, K Dunn, J Probyn, M Greenwood, R Kinsey, S Shortland, L Dallaglio, D Ryan Dunn replaced by P Green (67min)

Referee: D Matthews (Liverpool).

Moon rises to put Cardiff in the shade

Gerald Davies reports on a Llanelli triumph at the Arms Park against a home side that abandoned the attacking legacy of the past

SOMEONE should embellish the Gwyn Nicholls entrance gates to Cardiff Arms Park with the legend "He Who Dares Wins". Every Cardiff player should also have this *cri de coeur* tattooed on his big toe to remind him every time he prepares to put his boots on. The coach should doff his cap to this speculative philosophy. Nobody should be allowed to forget it.

Clubs are heirs to the past. The name Pontypool conjures up an image of a kind of rugby. The locals understand it and want more. Mention Neath and you know what to expect. Habits of generations are set and are valued. So it is with Cardiff. Llanelli, certainly, are no different. There is no escape.

Fancy trends in tactics may come and go. Laws get changed. Modern, fly-by-night players may appear for a season or two. Yet, despite all this, a club had better pay its respects to a tradition fixed generations ago. A spirit comes to pervade a club for so long that it infiltrates the very furniture of the place and colours the fabric.

Risk and adventure are what moves in Cardiff's blood and has been handed down through the decades. Llanelli pay such homage to style and entertainment that they have it confirmed in their written constitution.

On Saturday, Llanelli, prompted by their magnificent captain, Rupert Moon, did not lose sight of their inheritance and Cardiff did. It is time Cardiff had written in tablets of stone what they have always promised in words and mood. Caution does not become them.

The home team were careful in the extreme and they paid the price, losing 15-9. Having allowed running to serve them and scored 32 tries in their opening five games, they became conservative when faced with top-grade opposition. Apart from Pontypridd, their other fixtures comprised clubs from the nether regions of the first division. Abandoning the style that had won them these early games, they undertook, against a club troubled by injuries and without seven of their international players, to play an obsessive kicking game. By the time they realised they had misjudged events, it was too late. Possession had dried up. Desperation set in and they looked increasingly to Rayer, their full back, to do something. Nothing came.

Lewis, Jones and Quinnell, in the back row, were in no mood to give second-best, even if it was second-best they had mostly around them. They provided the inspiration to drive forward. Moon, almost foolhardy at times, ignored both kicks at goal and to touch and kept matters in play and constantly on the move. Time and again, Cardiff were turned on their heels. What lineout ball Copsey and Jones did not win, Cardiff seemed only to contrive one way or another to hand back to them.

Adrian Davies, in line with the rest of his team's game, put Cardiff in the lead with his boot. He kicked two penalties to Hugh Williams's one for the visitors. Cardiff won a badly-directed lineout tap on their line in the first half, but it was Young who won the touchdown. By the time Moon, Lyn Jones and Young had interpassed to give Paul Jones a try in the second half, which Williams converted, Cardiff were already wondering where, having lost a match at home, they were likely to retrieve two valuable points visiting one of the other leading clubs.

They could do no more than get another penalty from Davies before the end. Cardiff have now to catch up with Neath, who are the leaders and who they play next in the league, in three weeks' time. The Gnoll is not the place to salvage a reputation, nor to play a game as complacent as this.

SCORERS: Cardiff: Penalty goals: Davies (3) Llanelli: Tries: Young, P Jones Conversion: Williams. Penalty goal: Williams.

CARDIFF: M Rayer; S Hill, M Hall, J Hewlett, N Walker; A Davies, A Moore; M Griffiths, J Humphreys, P Sedgemore, M Budd, T Rees, D Jones, H Stone, H Taylor. Walker replaced by C John (70min).

LLANELLI: I Jones; I Evans, M Wintle, L Davies, W Proctor; H Williams, R Moon, D Joseph, P Young, H Williams-Jones, E Lewis P Jones, A Copsey, L Jones, S Quinnell. Lewis replaced by M Perego (77).

Referee: C Thomas (Neath).

Irish give Orrell that sinking feeling

Simon Barnes watches a watery farce in which the traditional virtues of luck and courage decided the outcome


London Irish forwards try to wrest the ball from Morris at Sunbury on Saturday. Photograph: Des Jenson

I RANG to ask if the game had been called off, but all I got was a merry laugh. Never mind that the winds blew and cracked their cheeks, or that cataracts and hurricanoes spouted till they had drenched the steeples and drowned the cocks; they were London Irish and they were going to play rugby.

An interesting pitch they have too. It drains — I think that most of Sunbury drains — into a natural catchment area about ten yards wide, lying between the two 22-metre lines. In this area, the Great Lough of Sunbury, the water was more than ankle deep. It was a setting for farce, a setting for the crazy heroics of games players.

After ten minutes or so, both the Irish and the visiting Orrell side looked as if they had been swimming in mushroom soup. Anyone who went down in the Great Lough had little chance of being seen again. Anyone who tried to turn fell over. Anyone who tried to catch the ball dropped it. Anyone who got shoved backwards stayed going backwards, because there was no purchase for a foot and a shove back.

It was easier to throw an accurate punch than an accurate ball and this was a preferred option for many of the players. The handbags were out and swinging from the kick-off and then once again in the first half. They were crimes that would have a soccer player back in the dressing-room at once, but rugby, ever Jesuitical, regards fisticuffs as a venial rather than a mortal sin.

The sun made a brief appearance, conscious of life's little ironies, late in the day, which, rather than drying things out, merely added a pleasant touch of stickiness to the proceedings. You know you are at a proper rugby match when you see great clouds of steam rising from every scrum.

Rugby people love to discuss technique and technicalities, but the game, like most games, can get on very well without them. That is what happened on Saturday. Ball-handling was all a matter of chance. Forward work, with no purchase for feet, was equally down to chance.

What was always going to decide the encounter, then, was courage. I wondered, about halfway through, if all games should be played under circumstances that reduce the business to two essentials: courage and luck. Under this principle, rugby should be called off unless it is raining and should never be played without a decent lake on the pitch.

Courage and luck have always been the virtues most traditionally traded on by the Irish in this game. I recall a defeat in Dublin, after which the England management complained that they had been forced to abandon their masterplan because of the rain. "And God forbid it should rain in Ireland," a Dubliner summed up.

On Saturday, every Irishman tackled as if he had a spare shoulder in his pocket, and that is ultimately what won them the game. That and luck, of course.

Luck enters every corner of every game. Even at the chess, the grandmasters were saying on Saturday evening that Nigel Short has had everything going for him this past week except luck. In rugby, luck comes as a first principle, bound up in the odd shape of the ball. Luck is laid down in ths statutes of the game, in the impenetrability of the laws and the infinite variability of their interpretation.

An added dimension of luck was added by the Great Lough. It was inevitable that most of the penalties were awarded in the Lough, which was a purpose-built kicker's nightmare. It was impossible to get a solid plant for the standing foot. Anyone who could fetch the ball a decent wallop in the right general direction was doing well.

The game was decided by penalties, and both kickers missed about half their shots. But Burke, of the Irish, outkicked Langford 4-2, making the score 12-6. Right on the whistle, Orrell essayed a little fancy stuff as they played catch up. Naturally, they dropped the ball and Geoghegan galloped it home for a try. Burke kicked straight again to make a touchline conversion and the final score was 19-6.

It was a win the Irish sorely needed, pointless as they were after three matches. The weather gave them the chance to play to their strengths and the combination of luck and pluck brought them their first win. The sky cleared at last, the Barbours were unzipped, the umbrellas lowered and a watery sun shone on the Irish and on the post-match pints. A victory: a Great Lough of Guinness.

SCORERS: London Irish: Try: Geoghegan Conversion: Burke. Penalty goals: Burke (4) Orrell: Penalty goals: Langford (2)

LONDON IRISH: D Cobbe, S Geoghegan, S Burns, D Dooley, R Henderson, P Burke, R Saunders, N Donovan, R Kellam, G Halpin, P Collins, A Higgins. M Keenan, R Jenkins, A Vering.

ORRELL: S Tabemer, J Naylor, S Langford, P Johnson, P Harner, A Peacock, D Morris, M Hynes, G French, S Southam, N Ashurst, C Cusani, C Brierley, D Cleary, P Manley. Ashurst replaced by C Cooper (55min)

Referee: J Pearson (Durham)

Gloucester pay for absence of passion

Christopher Irvine sees Bath in dominant mood against West Country rivals lacking direction

WHETHER Bath think they can win a fourth successive Courage Clubs Championship is no longer the point. There is precious little belief among the rest that the champions can be challenged.

Remember West Country clashes, once the very stuff of passion and unyielding commitment? No longer. At the Recreation Ground on Saturday, Gloucester meekly mounted the scaffold, losing to Bath 46-17, their record league defeat.

Bath got away with conceding 20 penalties, their performance otherwise brilliantly executed and, apart from five minutes in the second half when Cummins and Holford exploited a couple of gaps, Gloucester were helpless victims.

Problems are piling up for Barrie Corless, the increasingly-forlorn Gloucester director of rugby. Direction on the field is what the side lacks. Kick and chase, loosely translated, means hope and pray.

"You just scoop up all the best players," came a doleful cry from the visiting rank and file. There would be sympathy with this argument were it not for the case of Mike Catt, who was born in South Africa. On arriving in England last year, he tried telephoning Kingsholm but there was no reply.

Catt, equally adept at wing or centre, fell into Bath's lap, and gave further notice of his versatility on Saturday at stand-off half. Although under negligible pressure, a measured delivery, change of pace in beating the Gloucester cover to release Guscott and attacking ambition stoked the Bath try-scoring engine.

The interventions of Jon Callard were instrumental in two of the six tries. Add the sure-footedness of seven successes from nine attempts on goal and the England full back shirt would appear made to measure.


Ubogu: two tries

Gloucester seemed part of the sponsored 24-hour sleep that was completed at the ground before the game. Smith dozily fumbled Callard's steepling efforts, de Glanville teed up possession and Callard appeared again on the outside to send away Clarke after Chilcott, head down, had charged clear.

The seamless procession of backs and forwards combining, with Ubogu, twice, and Adebayo and Hill scoring in the second half, relented for Gloucester to catch their breath. Yet what is there to make of a side with a beaten pack that opts three times for five-metre scrums?

SCORERS: Bath: Tries: Ubogu (2), Clarke, Guscott, Adebayo, Hill Conversions: Callard (5). Penalty goals: Callard (2). Gloucester: Tries: Cummins, Holford Conversions: Beech, T Smith Penalty goal: Beech

BATH: J Callard; A Adebayo, P de Glanville, J Guscott, A Lumsden, M Catt, R Hill, G Chilcott, G Dawe, V Ubogu, A Robinson, M Haag, N Redman, J Hall, B Clarke.

GLOUCESTER: T Smith; P Holford, D Cummins, D Cooke, M Nicolson, P Beech, M Hannaford; P Jones, J Hawker, B Phillips, P Ashmead, R West, D Sims, I Smith, S Masters. Cooke replaced by J Merchant (19min).

Referee: B Campsall (Yorkshire)

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

Courage Clubs Championship
First division

Bath	46	Gloucester	17

Bath: Tries: Ubogu 2, Adebayo, Clarke, Guscott, Hill Cons: Callard 5 Pens: Callard 2. Gloucester: Tries: Cummins, Holford. Cons: Beech, T Smith Pen: Beech.

Bristol	22	Northampton	31

Bristol: Tries: Hull 2, Eves, Saverimutto. Con: Hull. Northampton: Tries: Grayson 2, Walton. Cons: Grayson 2. Pens: Grayson 3. Dropped goal: Grayson.

Leicester	38	Wasps	6

Leicester: Tries: Back, Poole, Richards, Wells, Cons: Harris 3 Pens: Harris 3 Dropped goal: Harris Wasps: Pens: Andrew 2.

L Irish	19	Orrell	6

London Irish: Try: Geoghegan. Con: Burke Pens: Burke 4 Orrell: Pens: Langford 2.

Newcastle G	3	Harlequins	19

Newcastle Gosforth: Pen: Johnson. Harlequins: Tries: O'Leary, Snow Pens: Bray 3, Challinor

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	4	4	0	0	119	51	8
Leicester	4	3	0	1	94	57	6
Northampton	4	3	0	1	82	81	6
Wasps	4	2	1	1	71	63	5
Harlequins	4	2	0	2	79	56	4
Bristol	4	2	0	2	66	64	4
Orrell	4	1	0	3	81	72	2
L Irish	4	1	0	3	48	75	2
Gloucester	4	0	2	2	52	90	2
Newcastle G	4	0	1	3	48	111	1

LEADING SCORERS: 59: P Grayson (Northampton: 2 tries, 5 conversions, 12 penalty goals, 1 dropped goal). 53: J Callard (Bath, 2t, 11c, 7pg) 41: R Andrew (Wasps, 1t, 3c, 10pg). 39: S Langford (Orrell, 3c, 11pg). 35: D Johnson (Newcastle Gosforth; 1c, 11pg) 32: J Harris (Leicester; 4c, 4pg, 4dg) 29: K Bray (Harlequins; 1c, 9pg). 28: P Burke (London Irish, 1c, 7pg, 1dg), M Tainton (Bristol: 4c, 6pg).

Second division

Moseley	9	W Hartlepool	31

Moseley: Pens: Kerr 3. West Hartlepool: Tries: Cooke, Mitchell, Wrigley, Oliphant. Cons: Stabler 4. Pen: Stabler

Otley	9	Sale	5

Otley: Pens: Rutledge 3 Sale: Try. Baldwin.

Rugby	7	L Scottish	5

Rugby: Try: Mapletoft Con: Mapletoft. London Scottish: Try: Grecian.

Wakefield	6	Nottingham	6

Wakefield: Pens: Lilley 2. Nottingham: Pens: Gregory 2.

Waterloo	12	Saracens	12

Waterloo: Pens: Swindells 4. Saracens: Pens: Tunningley 3 Dropped goal: Hughes

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W Hartlepool	4	4	0	0	117	50	8
Sale	4	3	0	1	94	71	6
Otley	4	3	0	1	61	61	6
Saracens	4	2	1	1	49	84	5
Moseley	4	2	0	2	64	62	4
Rugby	4	2	0	2	58	95	4
Wakefield	4	1	1	2	75	62	3
L Scottish	4	1	0	3	28	43	2
Nottingham	4	0	1	3	51	77	1
Waterloo	4	0	1	3	42	74	1

LEADING SCORERS: 57: J Stabler (West Hartlepool, 1 try, 11 conversions, 10 penalty goals) 48: M Mapletoft (Rugby: 4t, 5c, 6pg). 46: G Gregory (Nottingham: 1t, 1c, 12pg, 1 dropped goal). 35: R Lilley (Wakefield: 1t, 5c, 10pg). 35: P Rutledge (Otley: 1t, 10pg) 29: A Kerr (Moseley: 4c, 7pg): P Turner (Sale, 7c, 5pg) 28: A Tunningley (Saracens; 1t, 1c, 7pg)

CIS INSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: North: First division: Northumberland 30, Lancashire 15; Yorkshire 30, Durham 8 Second division: Cumbria 16, Cheshire 20, Leicestershire 28, Warwickshire 17. Third division: East Midlands 5, North Midlands 24. Staffordshire 18, Notts, Lincs and Derby 12. South: First division: Gloucestershire 35, Hampshire 3, Middlesex 14, Cornwall 15. Second division: Kent 32, Dorset and Wiltshire 13, Surrey 6, Devon 6. Third division: Buckinghamshire 16, Hertfordshire 13; Somerset 19, Sussex 8 Fourth division: Eastern Counties 9, Oxfordshire 21.

Heineken League
First division

Aberavon	0	Neath	10

Neath: Try: Shaw. Con: Thorburn. Pen: Thorburn

Cardiff	9	Llanelli	15

Cardiff: Pens: Davies 3. Llanelli: Tries: P Jones, Young. Con: Williams. Pen: Williams.

Newbridge	25	Cross Keys	6

Newbridge: Tries: Crane, Hawker, Taylor Cons: Green 2. Pens: Green 2. Cross Keys: Pens: Peat, Parfitt.

Newport	11	Bridgend	24

Newport: Try: Llewellyn Pens: Rees 2. Bridgend: Tries: Greenslade, Webbe, White. Cons: Wilkins 3. Pen: Wilkins.

Swansea	30	Pontypool	10

Swansea: Tries: Clement, Williams. Con: Williams Pens: Williams 5. Dropped goal: Williams Pontypool: Try: L Jones. Con: Ring Dropped goal: Ring.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Neath	6	5	1	0	167	67	11
Cardiff	6	5	0	1	244	59	10
Llanelli	6	5	0	1	134	68	10
Swansea	6	5	0	1	141	67	10
Pontypridd	5	3	1	1	137	95	7
Bridgend	6	3	0	3	151	124	6
Aberavon	5	2	0	3	84	120	4
Newport	6	2	0	4	100	140	4
Dunvant	5	2	0	3	58	123	4
Newbridge	5	1	0	4	59	98	2
Pontypool	6	0	0	6	106	264	0
Cross Keys	6	0	0	6	81	187	0

SECOND DIVISION: Glamorgan Wanderers 5, Ebbw Vale 32 Maesteg 17, Narberth 10; Mountain Ash 10, Aberaley 15. South Wales Police 8, Penarth 22, Tenby Utd 32. Llandovery 13, Treorchy 31, Llanharan 11.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: US Eagles 22, Australia 25 (in Riverside, California)

TOUR MATCH: Dunvant 23, Japan 24.

Insurance Corporation League
First division

Blackrock Col	20	Old Wesley	6
Cork Con	12	Dungannon	17
Lansdowne	19	Garryowen	25
Shannon	19	Wanderers	10
Y Munster	18	St Mary's Col	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackrock Col	3	2	0	0	52	36	6
Greystones	2	2	0	0	36	19	4
Garryowen	3	2	0	1	49	36	4
Shannon	3	2	0	1	37	25	4
Cork Con	3	1	0	2	30	29	2
Y Munster	3	1	0	2	33	36	2
Dungannon	2	1	0	2	32	38	2
St Mary's Col	3	1	0	2	23	49	2
Old Wesley	3	1	0	2	18	35	2
Lansdowne	1	0	0	1	19	25	0
Wanderers	2	0	0	2	23	43	0

SECOND DIVISION: Ballymena 48, Ballina 16; Dolphin 11, Instonians 18; Terenure 5, Bangor 8; Malone 16, Old Belvedere 19

CLUB MATCHES: Basingstoke 32, Eton Manor 3, Bedford 40, Loughborough Students 6, Blackheath 36, Clifton 11, Bradford and Bingley 23, Wharfedale 20, Coventry 50, Broughton Park 13; Durham 3, Alnwick 11, Esher 43, Nuneaton 14, Harrogate 9, Fylde 7, High Wycombe 35, Havant 0; Leeds 15, Middlesbrough 8; Lichfield 18, Weston-super-Mare 16, Liverpool St Helens 12, Morley 29; London Welsh 23, Pontypridd 17, North Walsham 42, Thurrock 0, Plymouth Albion 37, Cheltenham 13, Preston Grasshoppers 15, Wigton 6, Redruth 66, Truro 25, Rosslyn Park 36, Cambridge University 24; Rotherham 24, Sheffield 28; Southend, 27, Sudbury 10; Stoke 19, Leamington 28

McEwan's League
First division

Currie	12	Hawick	6

Currie: Pens: Donaldson 4 Hawick: Pens: Murdie 2

Heriots FP	35	Gala	20

Heriot's FP: Tries: Adam, Milne 2, Glasgow, Allingham Cons: Glasgow 2. Pens: Glasgow 2. Gala: Tries: Waddell 2, Dods. Cons: Dods Pen: Dods

Jed-Forest	28	Kelso	3

Jed-Forest: Tries: Brown 2, Pringle, Kirkpatrick. Con: Amos Pens: Amos, Hogg Kelso: Pen: Allchison

Melrose	17	Stirling Co	9

Melrose: Try: Browne Pens: Parker 4 Stirling County: Pens: McKenzie 3

Selkirk	3	Stewarts Mel	3

Selkirk: Pen: Pow Stewarts Melville FP: Pen: Stirling

Watsonians	21	Edinburgh Ac	31

Watsonians: Tries: Kerr 2. Con: Hodge Pens: Hodge 3. Edinburgh Academicals: Tries: Shepherd, Changeleng 2. Cons: Hay-Smith 2. Pens: Hay-Smith 4

W of Scotland	14	Boroughmuir	32

West of Scotland: Tries: Fletcher, McIntosh Cons: Barett, Williamson Boroughmuir: Tries: Stark, 3, Reid Cons: Easson 3 Pen: Easson. Dropped goal: Easson

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melrose	4	3	0	1	112	62	6
Edinburgh Ac	4	3	0	1	86	64	6
Stirling Co	4	3	0	1	100	63	6
Heriots FP	4	3	0	1	92	57	6
Gala	4	3	0	1	101	77	6
Hawick	4	2	1	1	60	53	5
Stewarts Mel	4	2	1	1	59	60	5
Currie	4	2	0	2	56	70	4
Kelso	4	2	0	2	44	87	4
W of Scotland	4	1	0	3	85	78	2
Jed-Forest	4	1	0	3	57	63	2
Boroughmuir	4	1	0	3	76	83	2
Selkirk	4	0	1	3	46	83	1
Watsonians	4	0	0	4	60	108	0

SECOND DIVISION: Ayr 3, Kirkcaldy 13, Dundee HSFP 16, Grangemouth 0, Edinburgh Wanderers 34, Biggar 10, Glasgow High 23, Musselburgh 6, Peebles 30, Haddington 13; Preston Lodge 13, Glasgow Academicals 19; Wigtownshire 35, Clarkston 3.

Stabler makes powerful case for West's immediate return

Barry Trowbridge on evidence of a resurgent spirit as Moseley are crushed at The Reddings

JOHN Stabler may have to employ complexity of thought to outwit criminal minds in his job with the Cleveland Constabulary CID, but it was his ability to master simplicity of deed that settled West Hartlepool at The Reddings on Saturday and took them, eventually, to an emphatic victory. They beat Moseley 31-9 and are now two points clear at the top of the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship.

Stabler's flipped pass, face on, to Kevin Oliphant five minutes into the second half illustrated perfectly the benefits of playing the percentage game at this stage of a league season and, when the scampering full back took out two men to release David Cooke for the easiest of tries wide on the right, the air of doubt in the knowledgeable Moseley crowd seemed suddenly to thicken — and with justification.

Three more tries followed and a pack that had held its own during a tight first half, and, through Raymond, Lloyd and Hart, won more than its fair share of possession from lineouts, began to wilt as the experienced West unit increased its resolve.

Between them, four of the front five have played more than 750 times for West — Kevin Westgarth, with 43 games, being the rookie — and the flankers boast a total of 146 matches, while, behind the scrum, Oliphant and Cooke have gone beyond 150, Paul Hodder, the captain, is approaching 130 and Stabler has turned out on 324 occasions since his debut in 1981, passing 2,500 points last weekend.

When, at the end of last season, West were doomed to swop their first division berth with Newcastle Gosforth, there was concern at the club that several players would change clubs, but it is not only statistics that show they have come a long way together. Moseley were beaten by a team, the support play of Mitchell and Evans, in particular, a joy.

The four tries took West's tally in four league games this season to 13, only one short of their total in the first division last winter. The opposition may not be in the class of Bath or Leicester, but sport is about who is there, not who might have been, and you can only beat those you face.

Having scored 30, 28, 28 and 31 points in those matches, consistency is obviously not a problem and, in Stabler, West have a master of his craft, both with his hands and his trusty right foot. He has now scored in West's last 32 league matches, dating back to November 1990. It would be fair to assume he did not play in the one before that.

Those first division clubs that missed the joys of the coast road to Seaton Carew last season should start planning now. There may be 14 matches to go, but West are on their way back. Believe it. Moseley do.

SCORERS: Moseley: Penalty goals: Kerr (3) West Hartlepool: Tries: Cooke, Mitchell, Wrigley, Oliphant Conversions: Stabler (4) Penalty goal: Stabler

MOSELEY: S Hodgkinson, E Anderson, I Bancroft, J Bonney, S Purdy, A Kerr, R Moon, M Linnett, D Bell, R Wareham, M Teague, C Raymond, S Lloyd, J Morris, W Hart Linnett replaced by M Whiteley (72min)

WEST HARTLEPOOL: K Oliphant, D Cooke, C Lee, P Hodder, W Ridley, J Stabler, J Wrigley, P Lancaster, S Mitchell, P Whitelock, P Evans, J Dixon, K Westgarth, A Brown, M Watson Mitchell replaced by M Sengelow (77)

Referee: A Turner (Manchester).

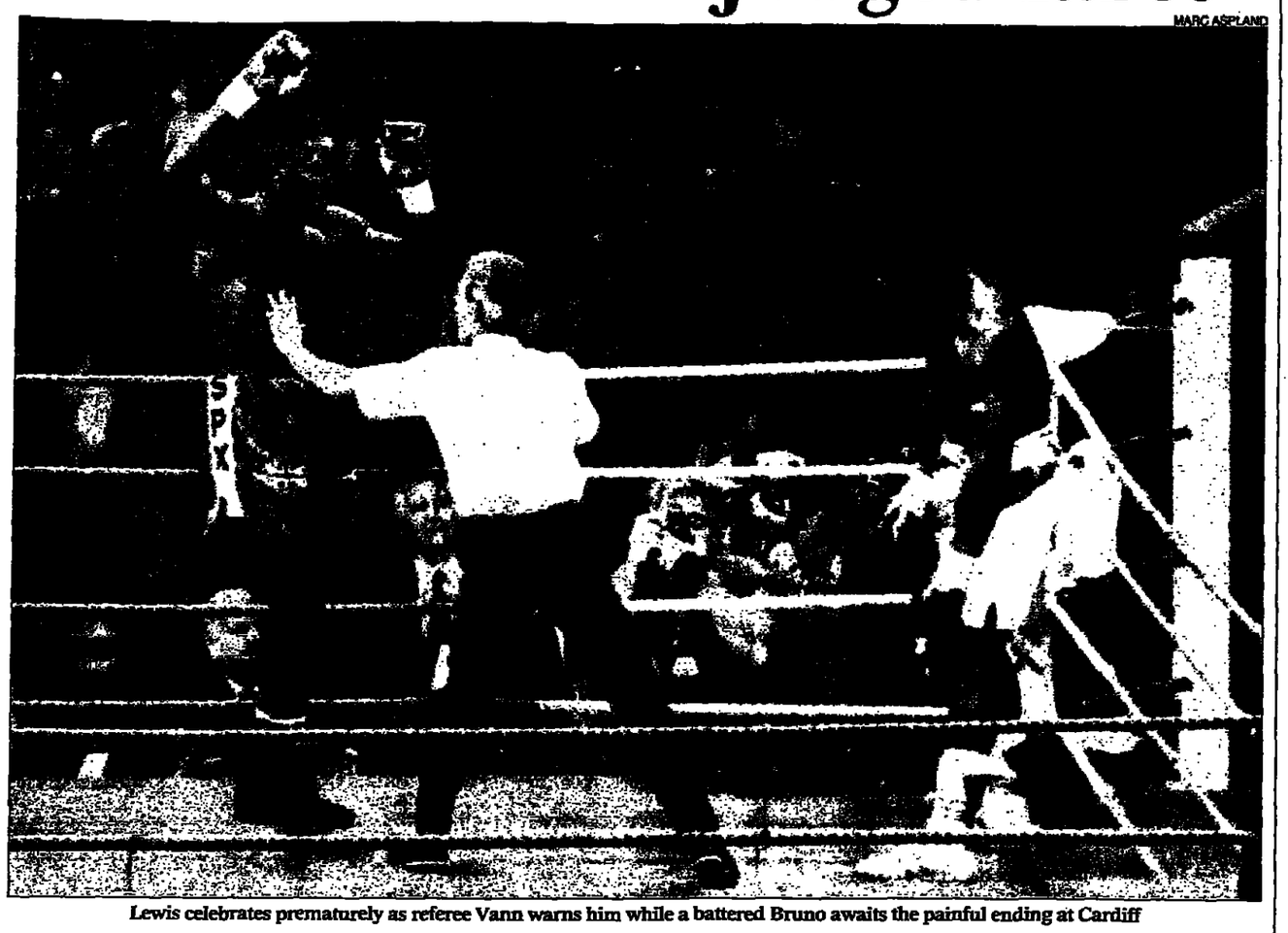
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Questions raised over Lewis and referee bring cold comfort to domestic boxing

Bruno the victim of ill-judged farce

David Miller watches the WBC champion win everything but respect in the first all-British world heavyweight bout

MARC ASPLAND



Lewis celebrates prematurely as referee Vann warns him while a battered Bruno awaits the painful ending at Cardiff

THE first all-British world heavyweight title fight — not even that is undisputed — did nobody any good. The contenders and promoters may have made money, but in boxing terms, everyone was a loser in Cardiff on Saturday, not least the referee and the sport of boxing itself.

Those who would seek to make boxing illegal had their argument strengthened when Mickey Vann, the referee, although seeing Frank Bruno defenceless on the ropes with his mind blurred, permitted Lennox Lewis a second onslaught in which at least six more devastating and unnecessary blows rocked Bruno's head. That was deplorable.

It will be suggested by some, including the referee, that with Bruno level on points over the completed six rounds, if not ahead, Lewis had to be given the opportunity for a conclusive finish. That is a self-serving answer from those more concerned with the promotion of boxing — which I would defend in principle — than with the boxer's welfare, consideration of which must run in parallel.

So massive is Bruno's physical strength and courage that, as we had seen in previous title bouts, against Witherspoon and Tyson, he remained standing when technically knocked out. Nothing could be more inimical to his long-term health. It is to be hoped that no serious damage was inflicted and that he will immediately retire.

Not to do so would be foolhardy, dangerous, and irresponsible on the part of Laura, Bruno's wife, whom he says he will consult before deciding. Considering that, in his final vain attempt to lift the crown that has truthfully always been beyond the natural limits of his ability, Bruno gave one of the most accomplished displays of his 40 fights. He went out not with a whimper, but with a noble, if painful, bang.

Loser he may have been, as was almost unanimously predicted, but the debate will for long continue on how far Bruno extended the duration of the WBC heavyweight title fight by his own dogged determination and simple game-plan of out-jabbing his rival, and how much Lewis allowed this by his own negative and at times amateurish tactics.

For five rounds, it seemed as though Lewis was unwilling, or unable, to launch into the controlled, swift-footed destruction with which he had despatched Donovan Ruddock. He continually retreated, enabling Bruno to plod unimaginatively towards him, only occasionally countering with fast jabs that steadily disfigured Bruno's left eye.

A quicker, more perceptive Bruno could have finished Lewis in the third after a right had wobbled him. Shades of the Tyson fight? But Lewis rode the punch, his eyes still clear even if momentarily his knees were not. Lewis persisted, however, in meaninglessly taunting Bruno, dangerously dropping his guard, swinging wild, windmill rights, while himself remaining vulnerable to the right hook with which Bruno has regularly dismissed lesser men.

A possible analysis of Lewis's incompetent performance — incompetent, that is, until he belatedly moved into the attack in the sixth, with flashes of the form which had been expected to end it all much earlier — is that, still nursing a Canadian accent, he was disconcerted by the wave of popularity surrounding the challenger, both in the days prior to the fight and at the dead of night in the damp, cold, open air.

The majority of the large crowd evidently did not believe in Lewis. "Bru-noooo" they chanted affectionately, before and afterwards, and the mutual respect was apparent. Asked whether he agreed with Lewis's assessment that the fight was "average", Bruno, switching easily into his stage persona in spite of his battered skull, said in his mock BBC accent, Alf Ramsey style: "Aye thought aye did bloody well, old chap."

Once Lewis realised he must unleash something serious, and pretty quickly too, the balance swung. We saw in Bruno's eyes in the sixth and seventh that old sign of alarm when attacked: Where do I go? Very soon, there was not anywhere, so restricted is his defensive mobility.

Lou Duva, the veteran American trainer, reflected: "Lewis has heart, so often missing in your fighters, and he is a better boxer than he showed tonight. Bowe would have knocked him out on this form. Tonight, he was always at risk from Bruno's right, but Bruno didn't have the talent to follow up in the third. From the fourth, you could see Bruno's guard dropping as he tired. Lewis should have been jabbing, snap snap, much earlier."

Some of the snap in the early hours of Saturday morning came from Mrs Bruno. She was inside the ring almost before Lewis's last blow landed and later was fetchily interfering in the press conference, complaining about lack of respect from the Lewis camp, until her husband finally swung round to say: "Sshh!". Mrs Bruno, who is said to control the purse strings, would have been better advised showing concern for her husband's health before the fight rather than his dignity afterwards.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Richardson ends golf title drought

STEVE Richardson gained his first golf tournament victory for more than two years when he won the Mercedes German Masters in Stuttgart yesterday. He scored a three-under-par 68 for a four-round aggregate of 271, 16 under par, to finish two shots ahead of Robert Karlsson, of Sweden, with Chip Beck, the American Ryder Cup player, third on 274.

Because the course had been saturated by heavy rain on Saturday and again early yesterday, the 6th hole was reduced to a par three and the 465 yards 17th shortened by 50 yards. Richardson, who began the day one shot ahead of Beck, stamped his authority with a birdie three at the opening hole, on which the American had a bogey, and led by two shots or more for the rest of the round.

Richardson, whose last victories were in 1991 when he won the Girona and Portuguese Opens, picked up £100,000 and gained a bonus, qualifying for the Johnnie Walker world championship, in Jamaica in December.

Slough set for Cup run

ICE HOCKEY: Slough Jets pulled off the most surprising result of the season, beating their premier division opponents, Peterborough Pirates, 12-4, to throw open their group in the Benson and Hedges Cup. The Jets are now favourites to accompany Nottingham Panthers into the quarter-finals. The Panthers maintained their unbeaten record with a home win over Romford Raiders, as did Cardiff Devils, gaining an away victory over Swindon Wildcats.

Murrayfield Racers scored five times without reply in the third period to beat Sheffield Steelers, 6-5. Anthony Payne scored five times for Humberside Seahawks, improving his chances of an England squad place, while Scott Morrison scored seven in Whitley's defeat of Milton Keynes Kings.

Boardman sets record

CYCLING: Chris Boardman, the Olympic 4,000m pursuit champion and world one-hour record-holder, set another record yesterday in his British professional debut when he improved his own time for the 32-mile time-trial on the undulating Delamere Forest circuit. He won the Merseyside Wheelers event in 1hr 10min 27sec to improve his previous best, set in 1991, by 2min 34sec.

Test Valley Borough Council has refused to pay £25,000 to cover the cost of bringing the Tour de France to Hampshire next year.

Towers trouble Bears

BASKETBALL: London Towers, who won two of their first three Budweiser League games despite the departure of two England internationals and a lack of American players, gave Worthing Bears, the champions, a fright on Saturday. The Bears won comfortably enough, 100-86, but only after the Towers had recovered from being 51-34 down at half-time to be within a single point, at 68-67, in the final quarter, during which the Worthing player-coach, Alan Cunningham, came on. He collected eight points to add to the contributions of Lewis (29), Harried (28) and Nelson (19).

Donnelly returns

MOTOR RACING: Martin Donnelly made a storming comeback to racing at Silverstone yesterday as he fought his way through the field to finish on the winner's podium in the final round of the National GT Challenge sports car race. Three years since a grand prix accident at Jérez in Spain almost claimed his life, Donnelly finished third in his Lotus Esprit sport 300, claiming the prestigious Crompton Driver of the Day award. "It was hard work but great fun," Donnelly. "I'm just glad to have made the finish."

Six-a-side success

CRICKET: England gained compensation for their recent cricketing failures by mastering the six-a-side version in the Hong Kong international tournament on Saturday. Graham Gooch led England to a three-wicket victory over Sri Lanka in the final, with Gladstone Small hitting the winning run off the penultimate ball as England overhauled Sri Lanka's total of 74 for one. Dermot Reeve, who used to play for Hong Kong, won the man-of-the-match award for his 31 not out. In the semi-finals, England beat South Africa by 15 runs and Sri Lanka defeated Australia by 18 runs.

Games get sports boost

COMMONWEALTH GAMES: One-day cricket, hockey and rugby will be introduced at the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur in 1998 and three extra women's events in 2002. The annual general assembly of the Commonwealth Games Federation, meeting in British Columbia, also agreed to begin a series of single-sport championships in the four years between Commonwealth Games, in sports not contested in the main Games. The new sports would include archery, judo, rowing and canoeing, the Federation's secretary, David Dixon, said.

Double bronze for Thackery

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN BRUSSELS

A GOOD year for British road running was enriched yesterday when Carl Thackery won two bronze medals at the International Amateur Athletic Federation world half-marathon championships here. His team medal was no surprise, but his individual one, even in a field missing the best Africans, was.

Ian Stewart, the former European 5,000 metres champion and British team official, was moved to praise Thackery's run as "brilliant, gutsy". Coming from Stewart, an outspoken critic of British distance runners, it was praise indeed.

Thackery is a Yorkshireman whose career has known as many ups and downs as you would see in a day in the dales. He once needed time off training after running into a cactus plant and was in the leading group in the 1990 Commonwealth Games marathon when felled by injury.

Yesterday, though, was one of his better days, reminiscent of his Barnsley run in 1987 when officials were still erecting the finish-line clock as he came home in 1hr 1min 4sec, three minutes early for the course. His run here was as impressive, but was produced for a wider audience.

Every now and again, daylight appeared between Thackery, 30, and the lead group, but the Briton kept fighting back and it was not until the last 500 metres, when Vincent Rousseau, of Belgium, broke away, that Thackery was dropped. Steve Moneghetti, of Australia, escaped, too, to finish second.

The other members of the British bronze medal-winning team were Mark Flint, fifteenth in 1hr 02min 13sec, and Dave Lewis, 27th in 1hr 02min 44sec.

Thackery's medal follows successes on the roads by Eamonn Martin (London Marathon), Richard Nerurkar (Hamburg Marathon) and Carolyn Hunter-Rowe (world 100km championships).

The team awards were decided on aggregate times of each country's first three runners. Competition could hardly have been closer, Kenya beating Australia to the men's title by three seconds and Romania having only a four-second advantage over Japan in the women's section.

RESULTS: Men: 1, V Rousseau (Bel), 1hr 1min 6sec; 2, S Moneghetti (Aus), 1:01:10; 3, C Thackery (GB), 1:01:13. Teams: 1, Kenya, 3:05:40; 2, Australia, 3:05:43; 3, Great Britain, 3:06:10. Women: 1, C Ferreira (Por), 1:10:07; 2, M Taniguwa (Japan), 1:10:09; 3, T Laruqe (Ken), 1:10:12. Teams: 1, Romania, 3:32:18; 2, Japan, 3:32:22; 3, Portugal, 3:34:12; 4, Great Britain, 3:38:54.

Wales show spirit in defeat

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BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IF WELSH spirit was willing, often thrillingly, the flesh was not quite able yesterday. New Zealand were understandably relieved to come through a torrid opening to their 11-match rugby league tour with a battling victory in Swansea.

After rain had slanted down and Jonathan Davies had pumped the ball high and long, New Zealand looked likely to be toppled before recovering their defensive poise and holding out for a win that, on the balance, of play they just about deserved.

Davies was seething afterwards that Devereux had a try disallowed from his hoisted kick for an apparent offside offence. This, undoubtedly, came to New Zealand's rescue, just when they seemed extremely vulnerable. Davies, captaining Wales, created two tries for Cordle on the right wing and landed five of seven goal attempts. The greater accuracy of Halligan, who managed six of seven goal kicks, proved decisive.

After grittily holding on to the lead for 20 minutes, Wales lost it when Pongia tore clear to punish Davies's only poor kick by sending in the supporting Mackie.

A Griffiths dropped goal and two penalties by Davies was the sum return on the Welsh possession, but on 27 minutes Davies was inch-perfect with a 40-yard kick and Cordle outpaced Edwards and Hoppe for a splendid try.

Halligan's unerring boot pulled back the deficit after Mackie's try in injury time. New Zealand stretched their lead to seven points when Ropati swept through a gap.

Wales came storming back. Davies conjured another wonderfully-accurate kick, which fell kindly for Cordle to squeeze over.

At 17-16, Welsh joy lasted precisely 60 seconds. Devereux lost possession and Mackie set up the unmarked Hoppe.

SCORERS: Wales: Tries: Cordle (2). Goals: Davies (5). Dropped goal: Griffiths. New Zealand: Tries: Mackie, Ropati, Hoppe. Goals: Halligan (6).

WALES: P Ford (Salford); G Cordle (Bradford Northern), A Bateman (Warrington), J Devereux (Widnes), A Sullivan (St Helens); J Davies (Warrington), K Ellis (Warrington); M Jones (Hull), B Williams (Carlisle; sub: A Hadley, Widnes, 67min), D Young (Salford), I Marlow (Wakefield Trinity; sub: R Ackerman, Cardiff Institute ARL, 40), R Phillips (Warrington), J Griffiths (St Helens).

NEW ZEALAND: M Edwards (Belmain; sub: J Williams, Canterbury-Bankstown, 71); D Halligan (North Sydney), I Ropati (Auckland), W Tasewa (Canterbury), F Hoppe (Canberra); G Ngamu (Manly-Warringah), G Freeman (Tenrith); J Lomax (Canberra; sub: R Piva, Canterbury, 62), D Mann (Auckland), B Stuart (Canterbury), S Kearney (Sydney Western Suburb), O Pongia (Canberra), J Mackie (Northland). Referee: J Connolly.

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Serious business in company of golfers searching for final place



Mel Webb follows the progress of teams in *The Times* Olivetti Corporate Golf Challenge as the event reaches the regional final stage

THE moment has arrived when the pin-stripes are left in the wardrobe and golf-playing business people up and down the country prepare themselves for the big drive to win a place in the sun next month.

The Times Olivetti Corporate Golf Challenge, a nationwide competition catering exclusively for the country's business community, has reached the regional final stages and the first competition will take place today with the North final at Fulford.

The finals continue on Wednesday with the Midland area event at Collingtree Park, near Northampton, and on Friday with the West and Wales area at Bristol and Clifton. The 25-team competition for the South East takes place at Foxhills Golf and Country Club, in Surrey, a week today, and the last of the five finals, that for Scotland and Northern Ireland, will be played at Hagg's Castle, near Glasgow, two days later.

More than 10,000 competitors have played in this, the inaugural year of the challenge. The challenge has already been an outstanding success — now the real business starts. Victory in each region will bring the winning four-player team a four-day all-expenses-paid trip to the five-star Hotel Principe Felipe at the exclusive Hyatt La Manga Club Resort in southern Spain at the end of November. In all, 116 teams will be playing in the next 12 days for five places in the 36-hole Stableford competition on the resort's famous South course, which has declared its candidacy to stage the 1997 Ryder Cup.

Players in the regional finals have another incentive to produce their Sunday best drives. In each of them, a designated hole will be used for a long-driving contest. The best two from the five regional finals will be taken to La Manga in national finals week to compete in a long-driving competition against Richard Boxall and Darren Clarke, two powerful players on the PGA European Tour.

Like the national finalists, the long drivers will be taken to La Manga — by Viva Air, the leisure arm of Iberia, Spain's national airline — free of charge. The Royal and Ancient Club has been consulted and has given its approval, so amateur status will not be put at risk.

As well as the big prize, Lyle and Scott, manufacturers of sporting and leisure knitwear, are supplying every regional finalist with an embroidered sweater distinct to their area, and Titleist, official ball suppliers to the European Tour, are donating 180 dozen marked balls.

The regional finals are the penultimate stage in a keenly-contested process that started with the launch of the challenge in March and did not end until mid-September. Some splendid golf has been played, and there was more than the odd surprise.

There was the case of the family Donaldson. Brian Donaldson, the managing director of his own distribution company in Ayshire, registered his firm's golf day, and went ahead with the preparations for the day at Murrays Hall. Despite foul conditions, Rosemary, Donaldson's wife, also a director of the company and a keen 22-handicapper at Kilmarnock Barassie, beat a field of competitive males hollow with a score of 41 points. The Donaldsons and their team will be at Hagg's Castle next Wednesday.

There has not been a round to equal that of James Meek, a hospital engineer playing in the golf day organised by Monklands and Bellshill Hospitals, an NHS trust, at Airdrie. Six-handicapper Meek, a member of the host club, had a gross 67, two under par, which brought him 43 Stableford points in a team score of 148.

A clutch of well-known sportsmen have appeared in the challenge. Dennis Lillee, the Australian fast bowler, played in the golf day of Michael Page Finance in Leeds and Mike Gatting, the former England cricket captain, turned up with several Tottenham Hotspur footballers at the day staged by the Business Technology Group. All acquitted themselves well, but not as well as Pat Jennings, the former Northern Ireland goalkeeper, who took his six-handicap game to the Duke's Course at Woburn and was the leading guest, with 36 points. Jennings and his three team-mates will be appearing at Collingtree Park.

The main sponsors, Olivetti, world leaders in information technology, who will be supplying the software to produce the results of the regional and national finals, have been delighted with the response from British companies.

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British success sustained at world championships

Fairbrother sweeps to gold medal

FROM JOHN GOODBODY IN HAMILTON, ONTARIO

THE success of the British judo team was sustained here yesterday when Nicola Fairbrother took the lightweight gold medal at the world championships.

Britain has achieved many memorable feats in the sport over the last 25 years, collecting numerous medals at the Olympic Games and enjoying regular victories in these biennial championships. Above all, a unique approach has led spectators to expect a victory in a distinctive style whenever a Briton steps onto the mat.

As Oscar Wilde wrote: "Style is what makes us believe in a thing, nothing but style."

This is what Fairbrother displayed in a final of such tension that it left her supporters almost as mentally exhausted as the fighter was physically drained. It was satisfying compensation for the 1992 Olympic final, when she may have been deprived of the gold medal because the referee could not see that Fairbrother was completing a strangle on Miriam Blasco, of Spain.

This time there was no mistake. She had attacked regularly throughout the day using left-handed techniques. In the final against Chiyori Tateno, of Japan, she feinted to the left and then swung in under her opponent to hurl her to the mat with a right-handed technique that she had scarcely used before. In judo parlance, she "buried" Tateno.

In fact, the Japanese was able to turn sufficiently to avoid conceding a clear *ippon*, the sport's equivalent of a knockout. But the move had been decisive and for the rest of the contest Fairbrother fought with determined composure.

"I had practised with Tateno before," Fairbrother said, "and knew how strong she was at ground work [the grappling on the mat involving strangles, arm-locks and hold-downs]."

Fairbrother, 23, from Sandhurst, added another chapter to the recent history of British successes and justified the trip here of Don Werner, who has coached her since the age of eight. "She always was ambitious," Werner said. "She has written things in her diary that subsequently have happened. This was the best of them all."

It might not have been so. In the semi-finals, Fairbrother only beat Jessica Gail on a split decision. Her training partner, Sharon Rendle, the Olympic bronze medal-winner, conceded a split decision at the same stage in her attempt to take the featherweight title and subsequently lost another split decision in the bout for the bronze.

Britain's triumphant momentum continued on the final day of the tournament. Joyce Heron, the Scottish bantamweight, won her first contest with Tatijana Couvchinova, of Russia, on a split decision. In her second bout, against Klara Veszi, of Hungary, she scored an early knockdown.

In one tussle on the ground, Heron slipped a strangle on her opponent. The referee did not see that the Hungarian had lost consciousness before being able to submit. It was only when the Hungarian's legs began to twitch uncontrollably that officials intervened. Veszi had to be revived on the mat, leaving Heron as the winner.

Elvis Gordon, the 22-stone heavyweight, went cleanly through against Derick Kerr, of Jamaica, in the unlimited weight class and, in the bantamweight class, Nigel Donohue recovered from an early knockdown to defeat Vladimir Costravet, of Moldavia.

CARLO ALLEGRI



Fairbrother celebrates her moment of triumph

Crutchley presses for British selection

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

NO SOONER had England completed a 2-1 victory over Ireland in the hockey international at Milton Keynes on Saturday, than plans were announced for the next international competition.

Great Britain, not England, will play in the first week of January at Barcelona in a four-nations event to be run concurrently with the Los Reyes tournament for clubs. The opposition provided by Spain, South Africa and India will enable Britain to prepare for the Champion's Trophy in Lahore, Pakistan, from March 17 to 25.

Saturday's match did little to help Britain's cause, except to enhance the international claims of Robert Crutchley. He scored both goals for England, albeit as a substitute.

In the 24th minute, Mayer ran swiftly down the right flank and set up the chance for Crutchley to score with his first touch. Eleven minutes into the second half, Crutchley increased the lead with a well-taken goal from a short corner, although the advantage gained was cut in the 68th minute with Madeley providing a cross pass for McAnulty to score for Ireland.

ENGLAND: D Luckes (East Grinstead), A Humphrey (Welton), R Hill (Havant), J Halls (Old Loughtonians), M Sutton (Bournville), J Shaw (Southgate, captain), J Laslett (Teddington), S Nicklin (Teddington), D Williams (Havant), R Thompson (Hounslow), P McGuire (Teddington)

IRELAND: R Geddis (Lisnagarvey); A Dowd (Lisnagarvey), P Hollway (Instonians), G Stamf (Cliftonville), C Hade (Dublin WMCA), J Kirkwood (Lisnagarvey), M Sloan (Cookstown, captain), R Johnson (Three Rock Rovers), D Clarke, (Lisnagarvey), A Dunne (Cork and C of I), D McAnulty (Banbridge)

Umpires: J Halfacre (England) and S Clarke (Ireland).

Aga Khan hints return to Britain is imminent

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE Aga Khan this weekend signalled his intention to end his self-imposed exile from British racing once a timetable for European-wide changes to drug testing has been agreed by the Jockey Club and other racing authorities.

Although the precise timing of his return depends on when the expected reforms are implemented, I shall be surprised if his famous green and red silks do not grace the British turf in 1994. The Aga removed his 70-strong string from Britain in December 1990 in protest at the disqualification of Aliysa, the winner of the previous year's Oaks, who was found to have traces of 3-Hydroxycamphor (3-HC) in a post-race urine sample.

On the basis of work by the Horseracing Forensic Laboratory at Newmarket, the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee decided the 3-HC was a by-product of camphor, a prohibited substance. The decision was made despite research by scientists employed by the Aga, who proved that 3-HC could come from Borneol, which is found in foodstuffs.

The Aga, who had previously successfully challenged positive drug tests to Vayrann, his Champion Stakes winner, and Lashkari in the United States, insisted he would not return to British racing until "effective measures have been instituted to correct the flawed equine drug testing procedures and the administration of the rules sanctioning the use of prohibited subtances in racing in this country."

The European horse race scientific liaison committee, which was set up last year to produce a unified approach to drugs in racing, is understood to have carried out a root and branch examination of procedures and made recommendations aimed at harmonising best practice throughout Europe, which could meet the Aga's requirements.

In an interview at his Paris home on Saturday, the Aga said: "It is my conviction this committee is handling the scientific issues with competence, prudence and care. They are aware of the complexity of the issues, of the thinking that will need to be applied so that laboratories are equipped to deal with the issues, so that testing programmes are put into place and tested themselves before they are applied."

He believes the committee, consisting of pharmacologists, racing administrators and vets from England, Ireland and France, will meet his main concerns for improving the scientific aspect of drug testing and the method of adjudication by racing authorities.

The committee's report has already been passed by Jockey Club stewards and will go before their Irish and French counterparts shortly. The Aga wants to see the racing authorities agree a timetable for implementing the proposed changes before deciding to return to British racing.

"Clearly there is an admission that something was not right," he said. "Second, there is an analysis of what was not right and an agenda to put that right. Third, there is a process in place that is looking at that agenda and trying to deal with it. In that sense, I am encouraged by what is happening. I will have to watch what will come out when these decisions are made. The moment I feel the situation is solid I will feel free to race anywhere in Europe, including the United Kingdom."

Apart from coming to grips with identifying the difference between normal, congenitally induced and synthetic substances found in horses, the Aga is anxious to see a proper scientific system established for dealing with drugs and horses. That would involve harmonisation and improvement of best practice via a network of scientists, laboratories and validated testing procedures, rather than sometimes relying on the opinion of one scientist or a single laboratory.

The Aga also believes racing authorities, such as the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee, making judgments on drug-related issues should include experts in the field who would have an adjudicating role. One would like to feel that, in racing, science and the administration of justice in science is failsafe. To err is human, therefore clearly there will always be a margin. I think that margin at the present time is too great considering the experiences I have lived through."

The inability to challenge Jockey Club decisions in the courts — the Appeal Court rejected an application by the Aga for judicial review of the Aliysa case — accentuates the need to improve scientific procedure and judgments based upon it by regulators, he added.



Aga Khan: watching

Penny Drops has French target

PENNY Drops has a listed race in the French provinces next on her agenda after running away with the William Hill Cambridgeshire at Newmarket on Saturday. Talent, her stable companion, completed a one-two for trainer Lord Huntingdon.

"The ground is the most important consideration for her," Lord Huntingdon said. "She was a good second to Young Ern over seven furlongs last time at Ascot, where I only ran because it was soft going."

The victory completed a successful week for David Harrison, who is anxious to establish himself as a fully-fledged jockey after recently losing his right to claim an apprentice allowance. Last Sunday he registered his first group victory in Spain and this was his biggest triumph in Britain.

John Dunlop, Willie Carson and owner-breeder Peter Goulandris combined for a near 13-1 double with Talented and Bulaxie. Talented recorded the prestige victory her consistency deserved when taking the group two Sun Chariot Stakes, while Bulaxie made all in the listed Oh So Sharp Stakes.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

EDINBURGH: Bupa Great Caledonian run (10km). Men: 1, G Staines (Eng), 28min 37sec; 2, J Kibor (Ken), 28.43; 3, J Treacy (Ire), 29.04; 4, P Davies-Hale (Eng), 29.21; 5, T Murray (Scot), 29.35; 6, E Martin (Eng), 29.52. Women: 1, L Bonsova (Russ), 33.37; 2, A Wright (Eng), 35.12; 3, S Ridley (Scot), 35.52; 4, J Stevenson (Scot), 36.18; 5, N Brown (Eng), 36.25; 6, K Scobie (Scot), 38.42.

STOCKHOLM: Lidingoloppet cross-country race: Men (30km): 1, J Ndeti (Kenya), 1hr 37min 29sec; 2, J Muindi (Kenya), 1.37.30; 3, S Maritim (Kenya), 1.37.40. Women (15km): 1, A Sandell (Fin), 53.30; 2, C McKiernan (Ire), 53.56; 3, K McLeod (GB), 54.58.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Houston 2, Cincinnati 0; New York 4, Florida 1; Montreal 8, Pittsburgh 3; Atlanta 7, Colorado 4; Philadelphia 4, St Louis 2; San Francisco 8, Los Angeles 7; Chicago 8, San Diego 5. Saturday: Pittsburgh 4, Montreal 2; Houston 3, Cincinnati 1; St Louis 5, Philadelphia 4 (10 inns); Atlanta 10, Colorado 1; San Francisco 5, Los Angeles 3; New York 7, Florida 1; San Diego 7, Chicago 4.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Chicago 4, Cleveland 2; New York 9, Detroit 6; Baltimore 7, Toronto 2; Milwaukee 8, Boston 4; Seattle 8, Minnesota 2; Texas 2, Kansas City 0; Oakland 7, California 2. Saturday: Seattle 7, Minnesota 3; Milwaukee 8, Boston 5; Detroit 4, New York 1; Chicago 4, Cleveland 2 (10 inns); California 6, Oakland 2; Kansas City 7, Texas 4; Baltimore 8, Toronto 4.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Birmingham 88, Manchester 97; Derby 101, Chester 77; Leicester 67, Thames Valley 58; Sunderland 100, Hemel 92; Worthing 100, London 86.

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bury 84, Sheffield 86; Plymouth 94, Brixton 103; Ware 82, Coventry 94

MEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: First round: Chiltern 70, Nottingham 58; Mid Sussex 86, Guildford 106, Northampton 80, Lewisham 66.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Barking and Dagenham 67, Sheffield 81, Northampton 76, Brixton 44. Second division: Guildford 50, Doncaster 75; Leicester 59, Luton 57, Plymouth 31, London 91, Spelthorne 42, Manchester 47

BOWLS

BELFAST: Indoor international match: Ireland bt Wales, 31-25 (Irish names first). Singles: N Montgomery bt S Oliver, 5-7, 7-5, 7-2; E Bell bt A Mullins, 7-5, 7-3, 7-2; A Doggart bt P Skinner, 7-6, 7-5, 4-7; M Mallon lost to J Ackland, 7-2, 7-5, 6-7; M Wilkinson lost to J Willis, 3-7, 7-6, 7-6; F Elliott lost to J Davies, 7-2, 5-7, 7-1. Pairs: Wilkinson and Bell lost to Mullins and Davies, 21-13; Montgomery and Mallon bt Willis and Oliver, 20-19; Doggart and Elliott bt Skinner and Ackland, 29-18. Triples: Montgomery, Bell, Mallon lost to Skinner, Mullins, Davies, 24-10; Wilkinson, Doggart, Elliott bt Willis, Ackland, Oliver, 17-14.

SYDNEY: Qantas Jetabout International Classic: Singles: Quarter-finals: C Curtis (Aus) bt G Ralston (US), 7-4, 4-7, 7-1, 7-6; D Shaw (Aus) bt P Belliss (NZ), 1-7, 2-7, 7-3, 7-1, 7-2. Semi-final: Curtis bt Shaw, 0-7, 7-5, 7-1, 7-6. Final: R Parrella (Aus) bt Curtis, 7-3, 7-6 6-7, 7-1. Pairs final: D Shaw (Aus) and D Bryant (Eng) bt G Ralston Jr (US) and T Allcock (Eng), 5-7, 7-1, 7-1, 7-2.

BOXING

CARDIFF: WBC heavyweight championship: Lennox Lewis (GB, holder) bt Frank Bruno (GB), rsc 7th rnd. Light-welter (eliminator for British championship, 10 rnds): Ross Hale (Bristol) bt Carlos Chase (Watford), ret 8th. Super-middle (4 rnds): Joe Calzaghe (Wales) bt Paul Hanlon (Birmingham), rsc 1st. Fly (6 rnds): Neil Swain (Wales) bt Rowan Williams (Birmingham), pts. Super-feather (10 rnds): Neil Haddock (Wales) bt John Williams (Wales), pts

CRICKET

HONG KONG: International six-a-side competition: Semi-finals: England 79-1 (N H Fairbrother 34 not out, P A J DeFreitas 23, G A Gooch 17 not out); South Africa 64-3 (A P Kuiper 33 not out). England won by 15 runs. Sri Lanka 78-4 (S T Jayasuriya 29, P A de Silva 23; I A Healy 2-18); Australia 60-3 (M E Waugh 17, A I C Dodemaide 16 not out, M L Hayden 14 not out). Sri Lanka won by 18 runs. Final: Sri Lanka 74-1 (De Silva 28 not out, Jayasuriya 18, A Ranatunga 15 not out). England 75-3 (D A Reeve 31 ret, Gooch 27). England won by 3 wickets.

CYCLING

TIME-TRIALS: Merseyside Wheelers invitation (Delamere, 32m): 1, C Boardman (Gan), 1hr 10min 27sec (course and event record); 2, S Dangerfield (Leo RC), 1:13:01; 3, K Reynolds (Banana), 1 13:20. Tour of the Trossachs (Scotland, 25.5m): 1, J Millar (Erskine CC), 1 04 44; 2, J Gladwell (Velo RT), 1:05:48; 3, D Gibson (GS Modena), 1 06 53. Team: GS Modena, 3 25.38. Lea Valley CC (30m): K Platts (Coalville Wheelers), 1 05 18. A6 Rangers two-up (Towcester, 25m): A and J Harrison (Invicta RC) 52:12 (event record). Sotonia CC (25m): A Sharpe (Bio RT), 55 12. Team: Fareham Wheelers, 3 05.38. East Anglian CC (25m): M Pyne (Polytechnic CC), 56:41. Team: East Anglian CC, 3:10:17. Icknield RC (10m): J Hunt (Hemel Hempstead CC), 19.51. Juveniles: C Pritchard (Bio RT), 20:13 (British record). Women: M Johnson (Oundle Velo), 20 38 (British record). West Pennine RC (10m): G Butler (RT Italia), 19:57.

HILL CLIMBS: Birdwell Wheelers (Curbar Edge, Derbyshire, 1,796 yards): C Myhill (Chesterfield Coureurs), 5min 23.6sec. Mansfield RC (Ault Hucknall, 930 yards): R Binks (Huddersfield RC), 1 59 6. Rossendale RC (Burnley, 1,000 metres): S Calland (Stars and Stripes) and S Hulme (Manchester Wheelers), 2.43.3 (equal). Condor RC (Sowerby Bridge, 1,408 yards): C Giles (Huddersfield Star Wheelers), 4:14 8. Banbury Star CC (Edge Hill, 1,126 yards): S Green (Oldham Century RC), 3 07.3 (course record). Mid-Devon CC (Bovey Tracey, 4m): S Fewell (Exeter Wheelers), 15:40.3.

CYCLO-CROSS: Greenwich Trophy (Maryon Wilson Park, South East London, 13m): S Douce (PCA), 1 03:45. Norton Trophy (Sheffield, 12m): J Taylor (Beeston RC), 1:03 00. Severn RC (Bristol, 12m): J Winn (Extreme CC), 48 10. St Helens CRC (12m): K Clark (North West Off-Road Club), 1 00:25. Kirkby CC (Merseyside, 12m): P Middleton (North West Off-Road Club), 44 40.

ROAD RACE: Vulcan CRC (Eastway, London, 32m): 1, P Curran (Dinnington RC), 1 14 00; 2, C Langley (CC Romford), at 2sec; 3, A Lyons (Olympia Sport), same time.

FENCING

STALYBRIDGE, Cheshire: Ashton Open: Epée: Men: 1, I Jones (Salle Elon); 2, D McKernan (Norfolk); equal 3, C Howser (Kingston University), J Chalmers (Bristol). Women: 1, H Griffiths (Stockport); 2, G Sager (Carlisle); equal 3, L Jackson (Bristol University), J Haydock (Cads). Sabre: 1, I Williams (LTFC); 2, S Saba (Salle Fronlich); equal 3, J Williams (Selle Paul), G Fletcher (Ashton).

GOLF

STUTTGART: German Masters: Leading final scores (GB and Ireland unless stated): 271: S Richardson, 67, 66, 70, 68. 273: R Karlsson (Swe), 68, 69, 70, 66. 274: C Beck (US), 72, 63, 69, 70. 276: J Parnevik (Swe), 70, 72, 68, 66; B Langer (Ger), 73, 64, 70, 69. 277: J-M Olazabal (Sp), 69, 69, 72, 67. 278: T Watson (US), 74, 67, 69, 68; D Frost (SA), 68, 70, 71, 71. 279: F Nobilo (NZ), 68, 71, 71, 69. 280: A Lyle, 73, 70, 73, 64; R Claydon, 68, 72, 71, 69; G Day (US), 69, 71, 70, 70; E Els (SA), 67, 73, 69, 71. 281: P-U Johansson (Swe), 70, 71, 73, 67; C Rocca (It), 72, 73, 69, 67; M Roe, 68, 74, 71, 68. 282: R Allenby (Aus), 71, 74, 69, 68; A Oldcorn, 70, 74, 70, 68; P Price, 71, 73, 69, 69; T Kite (US), 71, 67, 73, 71. 283: A Sherborne, 70, 68, 76, 69; S Ballesteros (Sp), 70, 73, 71, 69; G Orr, 71, 72, 69, 71.

PINE MOUNTAIN, Georgia: Southern Open: Third round (US unless stated): 208: B Estes, 70, 69, 67. 208: J Inman, 71, 73, 64. 210: R Cochran, 74, 71, 65; M Springer, 72, 69, 69; F Funk, 68, 71, 71; W Wood, 69, 70, 71. 211: S Kendall, 72, 71, 68; D Mast, 69, 73, 69; L Roberts, 68, 73, 70; B Bryant, 69, 72, 70; J Hallet, 67, 72, 72; T Lehman, 70, 65, 76; B Andrade, 68, 70, 73.

MIYOSHI, Japan: Men's tournament: Final scores (Japan unless stated): 274: S Fujita, 68, 70, 67, 69. 278: H Meshiai, 70, 69, 70, 69. 283: H Hamano, 72, 71, 71, 69. 284: M Kuramoto, 74, 72, 72, 66; K Takami, 72, 76, 67, 69.

GYMNASTICS

LIVERPOOL: British men's championships: 1, M Campbell (Central Manchester), 104 10; 2, P Bowler (Central Manchester), 103.65; 3, D Cox (Liverpool), 101.9. Apparatus finals: Floor: Bowler, 8.9; Pommel horse: equal 1, M Campbell (Central Manchester), L Ricketts (N Staffs), R Barber (N Staffs), 8.85; Rings: Bowler 9.2; Vault: Bowler 9.2; Parallel bars: Bowler 9.00; High bar: Bowler 9.2.

CRAWLEY: British women's championships: 1, J Brady (Eltham), 36.562; 2, Z Lusak (Heathrow), 36.437; 3, K Szymko (Ashford, Middx), 36.337. Apparatus finals: Vault: Brady, 9.399; Bars: Brady, 9.187; Beam: Brady, 8.8; Floor: Brady, 9.537.

HOCKEY

Men

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England 2, Ireland 1 (at Milton Keynes).

NASTRO AZZURRI SOUTH LEAGUE: Anchorians 0, Gore Court 2; Chichester 2, Winchester 0; Hampstead 5, Dulwich 0; High Wycombe 2, City of Portsmouth 1; Lyons 5, Old Walcountians 1, Mid-Sussex 0, Old Kingstonians 0, Spencer 0, Fareham 0, Staines 3, Oxford Hawks 1, Tulse Hill 0, Maidenhead 6, Wimbledon 2, Hendon 0.

WEST LEAGUE: Bath Buccs 0, Weston 1; Plymouth 1, Exeter University 2; Swansea 2, Brean 0, Westbury UB 1, Hereford 2; Whitchurch 1, Taunton Vale 2.

ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn 2, Alderley Edge 3.

CLUB MATCHES: Southgate 3, Polo Club Barcelona 2. Southgate 2, Polo Club 1; Southgate 3, Polo Club 1 (at Milton Keynes)

Women

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Leicester 1, Hightown 0, Chelmsford 0, Ipswich 2, Ealing 1, Sutton Coldfield 1, Slough 2, Clifton 0. First division: Bracknell 0, Doncaster 0, Bradford 3, Blueharts 3, Trojans 1, Pickwick 1, Wimbledon 0, Exmouth 0. Second division: Colwall 0, Sunderland 2, Gt Harwood 0, Sherwood 0; Harleston Magpies 0, Olton WW 1, Woking 0, Canterbury 0

WELSH NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cwmbran 0, Colwyn Bay 3; Penarth 2, Haverfordwest 0; Haverfordwest 0, Newtown 2, Swansea 4, Colwyn Bay 1

REGIONAL LEAGUES: East: Saracens 1, Cambridge City 0, Sevenoaks 0, St Albans 3, WGC 1, B and Hemel Hempstead 1. Midlands: Aldridge 3, Tamworth 1, Belper 0, Kettering 8, Crimson R 3, Loughborough Students 0, Hampton 2, Loughborough Ladies 1. North: Chester 2, Carlisle 1, Ormskirk Ford 0, Liverpool 1; Springfields 0, Poynton 1, York 1, Newcastle 1. South: Camberley 1, Reading 9, City of Portsmouth 1, Dulwich 1, Guildford 4, Ealing II 2. West Witney 2, Cheam 0, Winchester 1, Southampton 1, Worthing 0, Winchmore Hill 0. West: Bournemouth 2, Gloucester 2, Exeter 0, Yate 0, Exeter II 1, Clifton II 2, St Austell 1, East Glcs 1, Swindon 0, Redland 5, Weston 0, Cheltenham 2, Wimborne 3, Leominster 0

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Basingstoke 4, Bracknell 6, Fife 6, Durham 7; Milton Keynes 8, Whitley 14; Nottingham 3, Romford 3, Sheffield 5, Murrayfield 6, Slough 12, Peterborough 4, Swindon 8, Cardiff 13, Teesside 3, Humberside 9

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Paisley 14, Oxford 8, Trafford 8, Guildford 10; Telford 10, Solihull 5, Medway 14, Chelmsford 4

JUDO

HAMILTON, Ontario: World championships: Men: Under-86kg: Repechages: L Villar (Sp) bt D Southby (GB), koka. Finals: Villar bt A Bagdasarov (Uzb), hold down; A Croitoru (Rom) bt R Mashurenko (Ukr), throw. Final: Y Nakamura (Japan) bt N Gill (Can), throw. Under-78kg: Repechage finals: D Yandzi (Fr) bt L Widenbosch (Holl), throw; J Morris (US) bt J Laats (Bel), throw. Final: Ki-Yong Chun (S Kor) bt H Yoshida (Japan), throw. Under-71kg: Repechage finals: D Hideshima (Japan) bt D Brambilla (It), throw; R Cardoso (Br) bt P Rosso (Fr), throw. Final: Chung-Hoon Yung (S Kor) bt B Jagos (Hun), decision.

Women: Under-66kg: Repechages: J Reve (Cuba) bt C Cowan (GB), koka. Finals: J Reve (Cuba) bt U Burmeister (Ger), throw; Zhang Di (China) bt C Zwiers (Holl), hold down. Final: Cho Min-Sun (S Kor) bt L Ogasawara (US), throw. Under-61kg: Repechages: J Gall (GB) bt Jung Sung-Soo (S Kor), decision. Finals: D Bell (GB) bt C Fleury (Fr), decision; Z Beltran (Cuba) bt J Gal (Holl), throw. Final: G Van de Caveye (Bel) bt Y Arad (Isr), throw. Under-56kg: Repechage finals: J Gal (Holl) bt M Pekli (Hun), armlock; M Gonzalez (Cuba) bt Yung Sun Yong (S Kor), decision. Final: N Fairbrother (GB) bt C Tateno (Japan), throw. Under-52kg: C Nowak (Fr) bt A Giungi (It), decision; W Suzuki (Japan) bt S Rendle (GB), decision. Final: L Verdecia (Cuba) bt A Muñoz (Sp), decision

RUGBY LEAGUE

International match

Wales 19 New Zealand 24

Wales: Tries: Cordle 2. Goals: Davies 5. Dropped goal: J Griffiths. New Zealand: Tries: Hoppe, Mackie, Ropati. Goals: Halligan 6. Att: 6,073.

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Hull KR 16 Bradford 12

Hull KR: Tries: Barkworth, C Harrison, Thompson. Goals: M Fletcher 2. Bradford: Tries: Kebbie, Summers. Goals: Fox 2. Att: 4,356.

Leeds 22 Hull 22

Leeds: Tries: Eyres, Lowes, Mercer, Schofield. Goals: Irving 3. Hull: Tries: Grant 2, A Jackson, R Nolan. Goals: R Nolan 3. Att: 10,301.

Leigh 15 Castleford 15

Leigh: Tries: Clarke, Rowley, Sarsfield. Goals: Clarke. Dropped goal: Donoghue. Castleford: Tries: Blackmore, Ford, Smith. Goal: Crooks. Dropped goal: Ford. Att: 3,025.

Salford 2 Wigan 24

Salford: Goal: Blakeley. Wigan: Tries: Botica 2, Connolly, Panapa. Goals: Botica 4. Att: 8,765.

Sheffield 20 Wakefield 30

Sheffield: Tries: Carr, Gamson, Price. Goals: Aston 4. Wakefield: Tries: Brown 2, Bell, Mason, Slater. Goals: Goddard 5. Att: 4,087.

Widnes 14 Oldham 12

Widnes: Tries: McCurrie, Spruce. Goals: Spruce 3. Oldham: Tries: Clarke, Irwin. Goals: Street 2. Att: 4,750.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	6	5	0	1	166	81	10
Bradford	6	5	0	1	148	104	10
Halifax	5	4	1	0	143	78	9
St Helens	6	4	0	2	148	97	8
Warrington	5	4	0	1	105	63	8
Leeds	6	3	1	2	142	114	7
Castleford	6	3	1	2	114	98	7
Featherstone	6	3	0	3	131	154	6
Hull KR	6	3	0	3	106	146	6
Hull	6	1	2	3	86	99	4
Sheffield	6	2	0	4	125	161	4
Salford	6	2	0	4	104	143	4
Wakefield	6	2	0	4	102	143	4
Widnes	6	2	0	4	99	156	4
Oldham	6	1	0	5	99	118	2
Leigh	6	0	1	5	83	146	1

Second division

Barrow	37	London Crus	12
Dewsbury	52	Bramley	10
Doncaster	20	Keighley	30
Highfield	19	Carlisle	27
Huddersfield	37	Batley	12
Rochdale	22	Workington	28
Ryedale York	36	Hunslet	12
Whitehaven	20	Swinton	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Huddersfield	6	6	0	0	175	58	12
Workington	6	5	0	1	173	67	10
Keighley	6	5	0	1	156	94	10
Dewsbury	6	4	1	1	229	87	9
Ryedale York	6	4	1	1	147	90	9
Whitehaven	6	3	2	1	112	72	8
Carlisle	6	4	0	2	114	137	8
Barrow	6	3	0	3	172	143	6
London Crus	6	3	0	3	134	151	6
Doncaster	6	3	0	3	130	154	6
Batley	6	3	0	3	98	153	6
Rochdale	6	1	0	5	143	134	2
Swinton	6	1	0	5	98	179	2
Highfield	6	1	0	5	83	234	2
Bramley	6	0	0	6	61	160	0
Hunslet	6	0	0	6	86	188	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Saturday: Askam 6, Saddleworth 40; Egremont 14, Wigan St Patricks 35; Leigh MW 6, Woolston 24, West Hull 42, Nottingham City 10. Yesterday: Blackpool 12, Hemel Hempstead 34, Chorley 33, Dudley Hill 14.

RUGBY UNION

CURRIE CUP: Transvaal 41, Eastern Province 19. Natal 37, Western Province 11, Northern Transvaal 27, Orange Free State 18

NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Auckland 43, North Harbour 20. Otago 36, Waikato 22

MOTOR RACING

SILVERSTONE: British Formula 3 championship (all cars Dallara): 1, K Burt (GB), 15 laps, 26min 37.45sec (109 76mph); 2, M Goossens (Bel), 26:43.59; 3, O Gavin (GB), 26 56.38; 4, J Magnusson (Den), 27:04 47; 5, M Gueiros (Br), 27 05 35; 6, R Rosset (Br), 27.08 71. National Sports GT Challenge (GB unless stated): 1, J Greasley, Porsche 935, 30 55 16s (94 51mph); 2, T Thyrring (Den), Lotus Esprit Sport, 30 58.87; 3, M Donnelly, Lotus Esprit Sport, 31 07.75; 4, B Watson, Porsche RSR, 32:11.80; 5, J Baker, Porsche 934, 32:19 34; 6, C Cox, Ford Escort Cosworth, 32.21 87

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Autumn match rifle meeting (1,000 1,100 and 1,200 yds). Stamford Young Trophy: 1, J Collings, 443; 2, J Cammpbell-Smith, 432; 3, J McAllister, 430. Saturday aggregate: 1, Collings, 223; 2, N Tremlett, 221; 3, H Hunter, 218. Sunday aggregate: 1, Collings, 220; 2, Campbell-Smith, 216; 3, R Voremberg, 215. 1200 Club Salver: 1, Collings, 145; 2, Thorp, 144; 3, Campbell-Smith, 143. London and Middlesex Open: Queen's I and II: 1, P Kent, 254.34; 2, R Booth, 252.32; 3, C Mallett Jr, 252.30. Queen's I: 1, Kent, 105.16; 2, M Boyce, 104.16; 3, Booth, 104.13. Queen's II: 1, Kent, 149.22/24.3; 2, M Walton, 149.22/24.2; 3, Mallett, 149.21. Warren Memorial (300 and 600 yds): 1, M Wrigley, 150.22; 2, R Baker, 149.23; 3, G Childs, 148.22. Anderson Memorial (900 and 1,000 yds): 1, Kent, 145.16; 2, J Underwood, 143 13; 3, S Kent, 142.18. Malcolm grand aggregate: 1, P Kent, 545.75; 2, Mallett, 539 66; 3, W Richards, 538 61.

SNOOKER

DUBAI: Dubai Classic: Second round: S Hendry (Scot) bt M Davis (Eng), 5-1; K Doherty (Ire) bt J Wattana (Thai), 5-1; A MacManus (Scot) bt M Clark (Eng), 5-4; A Hicks (Eng) bt J Parrott (Eng), 5-3

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Cradley Heath 58, Reading 50.

PHONESPORT KNOCKOUT CUP: Semi-final: Glasgow 73, Peterborough 35.

SQUASH

SALZBURG: Austrian women's open championship: Quarter-finals: S Horner (Eng) bt S Macfie (Eng), 7-9, 9-2, 9-4, 9-6; S Bradley (Aus) bt R O'Callaghan (Ire), 9-6, 9-7, 9-7; S Schone (Ger) bt H van Hoorn (Holl), 9-5, 9-1, 9-4; S Wright (Eng) bt E Donaldson (Scot), 9-3, 9-0, 9-5.

TABLE TENNIS

PETERBOROUGH: International challenge match: England 1, Belgium 4 (England names first): A Cooke lost to P Saive, 11-21, 10-21; M Syed lost to J Saive, 8-21, 14-21; L Lomas bt C Ozer, 21-14, 14-21, 21-6; Cooke lost to J Saive, 21-23, 13-21; Syed lost to P Saive, 15-21, 16-21.

TENNIS

BRACKNELL: LTA satellite tournament: Finals: Men's singles: B Gyetko (Can) bt D Sapsford (Eng), 3-6, 6-1, 8-4. Men's doubles: P Hand (Eng) and M Maclagan (Scot) bt T Henman (Eng) and R Matheson (Scot), 7-6, 6-3. Women singles: S Parkhomenko (Russ) bt J Pullin (Eng), 7-5, 6-2. Women's doubles: C Hunt and S-A Siddall (Eng) bt A Smith (Eng) and C Staasen (Holl), 6-2, 6-1.

BASLE: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: M Stich (Ger) bt M Damm (Cz), 7-6, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe) bt M Rosset (Switz), 6-4, 7-6. Final: Stich bt Edberg, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, 6-2.

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian open: Semi-finals: J Svensson (Swe) bt N Borwick (Aus), 6-2, 3-6, 6-4; M Chang (US) bt G Stafford (SA), 6-1, 6-3. Final: Chang bt Svensson, 6-0, 6-4.

PALERMO, Sicily: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: S Bruguera (Sp) bt F Sánchez (Sp), 6-1, 6-3; T Muster (Austria) bt A Gaudenzi (It), 7-5, 6-0.

LEIPZIG: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: J Novotna (Cz) bt C Martinez (Sp), 6-1, 6-1; S Graf (Ger) bt J Wiesner (Austria), 6-7, 6-2, 6-3. Final: Graf bt Novotna, 6-2, 6-0

SAPPORO, Japan: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: I Spirlea (Rom) bt N Van Lottum (Fr), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; L Harvey-Wild (US) bt L Raymond (US), 7-6, 6-1. Final: Harvey-Wild bt Spirlea, 6-4, 6-3.

BILLIARDS

BOMBAY: World professional championship: Second round: G Sethi (India) bt C Everton (Wales), 1,685-563; M Ferreira (India) bt N Patel (India), 1,122-912; R Chapman (Eng) bt I Williamson (Eng), 603-596; P Gilchrist (Eng) bt S Agarwal (India), 1,420-864; R Foldvari (Aus) bt J Murphy (Eng), 1,356-526; N Dagley (Eng) bt M Wildman (Eng), 1,306-615.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership

Manchester City v Oldham (8.0)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Stevenage Borough v Marlow. First division: Croydon v Bishops Stortford; Ruislip Manor v Berkhamsted.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Hyde v Marine. First division: Caernarfon v Radcliffe Borough. Worksop v Ashton United.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Middlesbrough v Preston (7 0)

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Millwall v QPR (2.0); Wimbledon v Chelsea (2.0).

FA CUP: Second qualifying round: Second replays: Trowbridge v Mangotsfield, Redditch v Atherstone

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Golf Foundation Schools Championship (Beau Desert, Bramall Park, Cottesmore, Lancaster).

SPEEDWAY: British League: First division: Reading v Ipswich (7.30), Wolverhampton v Belle Vue (7 30). Second division: Exeter v Rye House (7.30)

TENNIS: LTA autumn satellite tournament (Basingstoke)

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PLUMPTON

THUNDERER

2.15 Gabish. 2.45 Miss Marigold. 3.15 Madraj. 3.45 Press Gallery. 4.15 Kingfisher Bay. 4.45 Sparkler Gebe.

GOING: GOOD (SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

2.15 FIRLE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,917: 2m) (6 runners)

1 23F- ALKINOR REX 200 (D,G,S) G Harwood 8-12-0 ... M Perrett
2 114- MR FELIX 303 (CD,F,G,S) R Champion 7-10-2 ... B Powell
3 320- LUCKY AGAIN 270 (D,G) C Popham 6-10-1 ... S McNeill
4 /50- WOLFHANGAR 154 (D,F,G,S) Miss C Came 11-10-0 .. D Morris
5 24-5 UNEX-PLAINED 16 (D,G,S) M Channon 10-10-0 .. Lorna Vincent
6 22F4 GABISH 7 (CD,F,G) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-10-0 ... M A Fitzgerald

6-4 Alkinor Rex, 13-8 Mr Felix, 4-1 Gabish, 7-1 Lucky Again, 12-1 Unex-Plained, 33-1 Wolfhangar.

2.45 OCTOBER SELLING HURDLE (£1,364: 2m 1f) (14)

1 003- KAURI 326 (G) C Weedon 6-11-10 ... Peter Hobbs
2 25-5 ROGER'S PAL 21 (CD,G) A Moore 6-11-5 ... K Goble
3 3P EASY TOOMEY 24 (B) J Jenkins 5-11-0 ... H Davies
4 0P/0 FAILAND 17 (D,F) R Brotherton 6-11-0 ... J Osborne
5 0P0- OH SO HANDY 331 R Curtis 5-11-0 ... D Morris
6 PP-6 WILL BONNY 11 W G M Turner 6-11-0 ... R Darke (7)
7 0-25 BETALONGABILL 7 (V) M Madgwick 4-10-13 ... J Kavanagh
8 06- LAD OF LANGTON 209 R Stone 4-10-13 ... Leesa Long
9 1UR- MISS MARIGOLD 14F (D,BF,F) R Hodges 4-10-13 R Dunwoody
10 0-4F PRIVATE JET 59 J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-13 ... M A Fitzgerald
11 SALISONG 349F I Campbell 4-10-13 ... R Campbell
12 PRINCESS JESSICA 23F P Butler 6-10-9 ... M Hourigan (3)
13 ALTON BELLE 8F P Howling 4-10-8 ... D O'Sullivan (3)
14 0 HULLO MARY DOLL 23 S Mellor 4-10-8 ... M Perrett

9-2 Roger's Pal, 5-1 Betalongabill, 11-2 Kauri, Miss Marigold, 6-1 Failand, 7-1 Private Jet, 8-1 Oh So Handy, 10-1 Salisong, Will Bonny, 16-1 others.

3.15 NEWICK NOVICES CHASE (£1,540: 2m) (6)

1 212P PEARLS BEAU 16 (CD,F) J Jenkins 6-12-4 ... H Davies
2 33-F CELTIC CATCH 11 (D,F) J Bosley 7-11-0 ... M Bosley
3 P GAME SET 9 (B) J Spearing 7-11-0 ... A Webb
4 050- KALANSKI 159 (D,G,S) C Egerton 7-11-0 ... J Osborne
5 08/ SMART DRESSER 1055 Mrs L Jewell 8-11-0 ... J Kavanagh
6 3135 MADRAJ 16 (C,D,F) R Hodges 5-10-12 ... R Dunwoody

6-4 Kalanski, 5-2 Pearls Beau, 11-4 Madraj, 10-1 Celtic Catch, 25-1 others

3.45 HOVE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,413: 2m 1f) (9)

1 1 C D SHAREPLAN 11 (D,F) M Channon 11-5 ... Lorna Vincent
2 1 CHIAPPUCCI 9 (B,D,G) J White 11-5 ... J Osborne
3 BARTON ROYAL 346F P Richens 10-12 ... A Charlton
4 DO BE WARE 74F J Ffitch-Heyes 10-12 ... A Thornton (3)
5 GEORGE ROPER 14F G L Moore 10-12 ... H Jenkins
6 02 MISTER BLAKE 9 I Campbell 10-12 ... R Campbell
7 4 PRESS GALLERY 20F (BF) Mrs J Cecil 10-12 ... T Kent
8 SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 18F S Dow 10-12 ... H Davies
9 0 HUESCA 21 Miss B Sanders 10-7 ... M Richards

6-4 Chiappucci, 11-4 Press Gallery, 4-1 C D Shareplan, 5-1 Sir Thomas Beecham, 14-1 Mister Blake, 20-1 George Roper, 25-1 others.

4.15 UCKFIELD HANDICAP CHASE (£1,795: 3m 1f 110yd) (4)

1 63P- FIGHTING DAYS 151 (G,F) A Moore 7-12-0 ... J Clarke (7)
2 333- KINGFISHER BAY 175 (CD,F,G) J White 8-11-11 M A Fitzgerald
3 44P5 SAMSUN 16 (B,D,F,G) C Popham 11-11-6 ... R Dunwoody
4 -644 BARRACILLA 23 (G) G Balding 8-11-4 ... S Hodgson

4-5 Kingfisher Bay, 3-1 Barracilla, 4-1 Fighting Days, 6-1 Samsun.

4.45 HADLOW DOWN HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,537: 2m 4f) (8)

1 -112 MANHATTAN BOY 21 (CD,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 11-12-0 J Kavanagh
2 2P3/ NICK THE DREAMER 942 (D,F,G,S) W G M Turner 8-11-12 R Dunwoody
3 133- THUHOOL 187 (G,S) R Rowe 5-11-10 ... L Dace (7)
4 13-1 SPARKLER GEBE 30 (B,F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 7-11-4 D O'Sullivan (3)
5 3/4- CANOSCAN 361 (C,G) Lady Herries 8-11-3 ... E Murphy
6 P5-1 KALAMOSS 7 (F) N Mitchell 4-10-9 (6ex) . Miss S Mitchell (7)
7 333- JOKER JACK 144 (F,S) R Dean 8-10-8 ... A Procter (5)
8 F06- TOUCHING TIMES 45F R Rowe 5-10-2 ... G Rowe

11-4 Sparkler Gebe, 7-2 Thuhool, 9-2 Manhattan Boy, 6-1 Canoscan, Kalamoss, 8-1 Joker Jack, 12-1 Nick The Dreamer, Touching Times

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Egerton, 5 winners from 8 runners, 62.5%; Lady Herries, 5 from 11, 45.5%; R Champion, 4 from 14, 28.6%; J White, 30 from 115, 26.1%; N Mitchell, 4 from 18, 22.2%; J R Jenkins, 15 from 73, 20.5%.

JOCKEYS: A Webb, 3 winners from 11 rides, 27.3%; L Dace, 4 from 15, 26.7%; R Dunwoody, 23 from 94, 24.5%; S McNeill, 4 from 21, 19.0%; M Perrett, 11 from 59, 18.6%; H Davies, 16 from 88, 18.2%.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.20 Ballylemon. 2.50 Hiram B Birdbath. 3.20 Safety. 3.50 Belstone Fox. 4.20 Sandybraes. 4.50 Bondaid.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (CHASE COURSE); STANDARD (HURDLES) SIS

2.20 CARMEN NOVICES HURDLE (£1,087: 3m) (5 runners)

1 BALLYLEMON 1 Thomson Jones 5-10-12 ... S Smith Eccles
2 -353 GREEN'S SEAGO 12 J Harris 5-10-12 ... G McCourt
3 600- VALATCH 150F J Harris 5-10-12 ... B Dalton
4 02F5 CISTOLENA 12 W Clay 7-10-7 ... Diane Clay
5 SIANISK 48F N Graham 4-10-5 ... D Murphy

5-4 Ballylemon, 2-1 Sianisk, 5-1 Green's Seago, Valatch, 12-1 Cistolena.

2.50 TOSCA HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,464: 2m 4f) (4)

1 -114 HIRAM B BIRDBATH 16 (B,CD,F,G) J Glover 7-12-0 Mrs P Nash (5)
2 P6-1 ELLTEE-ESS 12 (B,CD,F,G) R Weaver 8-11-6 ... A Maguire
3 3-04 SECRET LIASON 35 (BF,G) K Bridgwater 7-11-5 ... D Bridgwater
4 00-P ELDER PRINCE 35 (F,S) Ronald Thompson 7-11-0 ... R Garritty

6-4 Hiram B Birdbath, 2-1 Elltee-Ess, Secret Liason, 12-1 Elder Prince

3.20 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY PLC CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,129: 2m 2f) (6)

1 KARAMOJA 17F N Graham 4-11-8 ... D Murphy
2 -142 SAFETY 35 (B,F,G) J White 6-11-5 ... D Skyrme
3 P-31 HAVE A NIGHTCAP 12 (CD,G) J Harris 4-11-0 ... G McCourt
4 63P- CHAGHATAI 145 W Clay 7-10-11 ... Diane Clay
5 5-46 BALLYANTO 9 (F,S) C Parker 8-10-9 ... Mr D Parker (7)
6 0 GRUBBY 37 R Hollinshead 4-10-7 ... S Wynne (3)

6-4 Safety, 2-1 Karamoja, 4-1 Have A Nightcap, Ballyanto, 33-1 Grubby, Chaghatai

3.50 FRIENDS PROVIDENT HANDICAP CHASE (£1,987: 2m) (7)

1 10P- BELSTONE FOX 186 (D,G,S) D Nicholson 8-12-0 ... A Maguire
2 -61F TIGERS PET 9 (CD,F,G) W Bissill 9-11-6 ... S Smith Eccles
3 315- ISLAND JETSETTER 126 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs S Smith 7-11-4 T Eley (5)
4 36-5 KNIGHT'S SPUR 24 (D,F,G) J Webber 6-11-0 ... G McCourt
5 F-23 MAGIC SOLDIER 17 (D,F,G,S) A Fowler 8-10-8 ... R Marley
6 01P/ SINGING SAM 509 (D,G) W Cunningham 8-10-3 ... A Merrigan
7 0-2U BUMPTIOUS BOY 16 (F) A J Wilson 9-10-3 ... D Bridgwater

9-4 Belstone Fox, 7-2 Tigers Pet, Island Jetsetter, 7-1 Knight's Spur, Magic Soldier, 10-1 Bumptious Boy, 20-1 Singing Sam

4.20 HOLSTEN PILS & LV SCHOOLS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,935: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 1U1- SANDYBRAES 145 (F,G,S) D Nicholson 8-12-0 ... A Maguire
2 161- DRAGONS DEN 149 (C,D,F,G) S Sherwood 7-11-12 ... G Upton
3 /46- BALTIC BROWN 221 (D,G) Mrs S Smith 8-11-10 ... Gary Lyons
4 5-F2 GLENSHANE LAD 9 (F,G) K Bailey 7-11-5 ... N Williamson
5 1P-2 SECRET SUMMIT 12 (V,C,F,G,S) A Forbes 7-10-13 ... T Eley (5)
6 50-0 PORTAVOGIE 12 (B,D,F,G,S) C Parker 9-10-11 Mr D Parker (7)
7 -602 BEN TIRRAN 37 (V,F,G) Mrs S Lamyman 9-10-10 ... D Telfer

3-1 Sandybraes, 7-2 Dragons Den, 4-1 Glenshane Lad, 5-1 Secret Summit, 6-1 Baltic Brown, 8-1 Portavogie, 10-1 Ben Tirran.

4.50 MADAME BUTTERFLY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,660: 2m) (2)

1 0-41 NORTHERN NATION 35 (CD,G) W Clay 5-11-13 ... Diane Clay
2 1312 BONDAID 16 (D,F,G) J White 9-11-1 ... A Maguire

4-6 Bondaid, 5-4 Northern Nation.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Sherwood, 5 winners from 8 runners, 62.5%; W Bissill, 3 from 7, 42.9%; J Glover, 10 from 29, 34.5%; R Hollinshead, 32 from 116, 27.6%; T Thomson Jones, 7 from 28, 25.0%; K Bailey, 8 from 37, 21.6%.

JOCKEYS: Mrs P Nash, 3 winners from 5 rides, 60.0%; Diane Clay, 23 from 62, 37.1%; N Williamson, 20 from 60, 33.3%; G McCourt, 28 from 92, 30.4%; G Upton, 4 from 14, 28.6%; S Smith Eccles, 39 from 146, 26.7%.

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White Muzzle narrowly denied by powerful finish of French-trained outsider

British hopes founder on Urban Sea

FROM RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT
IN PARIS



Urban Sea, far side, has the edge over the British challenger White Muzzle, nearside, in yesterday's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe

THE tears of disappointment that streamed down Peter Chapple-Hyam's cheeks summed up the disappointment for the British at Longchamp yesterday when White Muzzle came within inches of winning the Ciga Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Following User Friendly's narrow defeat in Europe's middle-distance championship last year, it was again a case of so near yet so far as Urban Sea pounced inside the final furlong to beat the British trained three-year-old by a neck.

The 37-1 winner, trained by Jean Lesbordes, a dual purpose trainer based in Chantilly, was ridden by Eric Saint-Martin, son of the legendary Yves, who won the Arc four times. Although the heavy ground blunted Opera House's speed, Michael Stoute's runner stayed on gamely to take third from the fast-finishing Intrepidity.

For Chapple-Hyam, the emotional letdown of seeing his 78-1 chance pipped by a neck for the jewel in Europe's racing crown proved too much, following a week which has seen him lose four of his best two-year-olds to Shaikh Mohammed. As he slapped White Muzzle on the neck in the berth reserved for the runner-up, his disappointment was compounded by the initial belief that White Muzzle had been one of the main casualties when Talloires suddenly swerved across the track two furlongs from home.

In fact, White Muzzle was not involved and although John Reid had to switch him around Opera House, it could hardly be said to have cost him the race. "I am devastated," Chapple-Hyam said. "I honestly thought before the race we would win and coming into the straight I thought we had it won."

Chapple-Hyam backed his horse each-way at fancy prices after White Muzzle had worked in sparkling form recently. "I had only seen two horses go up the gallops like that and they were Rodrigo De Triano and Dr Devious. We will go for the Japan Cup and come back next year and try to win the Arc then."

John Reid reflected: "I got a terrific run, no complaints. I thought I was in front and had the race in the bag but she got me inside the last furlong. It's heartbreaking, but that's racing."

Urban Sea's victory, the first by a filly since All Along a decade ago, confirms the weakness of this year's classic generation. Every group one all-aged middle-distance race staged in Britain, France, Ireland and Italy this year has been won by an older horse.

Opera House has won a trio of group one events and he lost no caste in defeat. "I am delighted with his run," Stoute said. "I would have preferred the ground to have been good to soft because he always struggles in extremes."

Michael Roberts, Opera House's jockey, added: "I was hacking coming into the straight. Usually he will find two lengths in half a furlong, but in this ground he couldn't."

Only Royale, who suffered most at the hands of the swerving Talloires, did well to finish fifth, beaten less than three lengths. "It was an extraordinary performance as Talloires cannoned into her twice. She stays in training and will hopefully come back next year," her trainer, Luca Cumani, said.

Bob's Return, the St Leger winner bought for Jacqueline Smith by her husband as a wedding anniversary present, was always prominent and had every chance before succumbing to the gluepot conditions. He finished sixth, one place out of the money having been supplemented for the race at a cost £36,000.

"He just got bogged down in the ground but he's a real racehorse and ran a cracker. That's it for the season," Mark Tompkins said.

RESULT

4.30 CIGA PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE (Group I: £597,372: 1m 4f)
URBAN SEA ch f Miswaki - Allegretta (D Tsui) 4-9-1 E Saint-Martin 1.
White Muzzle b c Dancing Brave - Fair Of The Furze (Exors of the late Z Yoshida) 3-8-11 J Reid 2.
Opera House b h Sadler's Wells - Colorspin (Shaikh Mohammed) M Roberts 5-9-4 3.
ALSO RAN: Intrepidity (4th), Only Royale (5th), Bob's Return (6th), Misil (7th), Talloires (8th), Vert Amande (9th), Market Booster (10th), Dariyoun (11th), Dancienne (12th), Platini (13th), Badolato (14th), Armiger (15th), Hernando (16th), Ezzoud (17th), Bright Moon (18th), Garden Of Heaven (19th), Always Friendly (20th), Wemyss Bight (21st), User Friendly (22nd), Shemaka (23rd). 23 ran. Nk, ½l, ¾l, 1l, 1½l. J Lesbordes. Pari-mutuel (inc 1fr stake): 38.00: 8.50, 16.50, 3.90. DF: 452.20. Trio: 2,030.40.

Lochsong dashes to sprint crown

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT IN PARIS

LOCHSONG sealed the accolade of European champion sprinter with a blistering display of speed in the Ciga Prix de l'Abbaye yesterday. She dashed from the stalls as though her tail was on fire, and all her ten rivals saw from that point was the muddy wake she left on Longchamp's five-furlong strip.

Ian Balding, her trainer, was almost lost for words as Lochsong's entrance to the winner's enclosure sent the large British contingent into raptures. Her jockey, Frankie Dettori, however, spoke of her in glowing terms. "I've never been so fast on a horse," he said.

Balding was worried Lochsong had lost her edge, but there was no trace of that yesterday. "She was fractious at home and her coat had gone," he said. "But whatever I do with her, she just seems to run brilliantly."

The Lochsong team can look forward to next year, as earlier plans to put her in foal have been abandoned in favour of another full campaign.

The autumn of shocks in the juvenile division continued in spectacular fashion when Coup De Genie, the 7-4 favourite for next season's 1,000 Guineas, struggled home a weary fifth in the Prix Marcel Boussac.

All seemed well as Cash Asmussen asked the filly for her effort under two furlongs out. However, after a brief spurt, Coup De Genie made no further progress as Sierra Madre came late to collar Flagbird by a head, with the British challenger, Mehthaaf, third.

Both Asmussen and Alan Cooper, racing manager to the filly's owner, Stavros Niarchos, were unable to pinpoint the reason for this defeat. "The ground could have been a factor and she may be over the top," Cooper said.

Hills eased Coup De Genie to 11-2 for next year's fillies' classic, while Ladbrokes bracket her with her stablemate, East Of The Moon, at 6-1 joint favourites.

Knifebox impresses

KNIFEBOX, owned by Shaikh Mohammed and trained by John Gosden, put himself in the Champion Stakes picture with a crushing victory in the group two Ciga Prix Dollar at Longchamp on Saturday (Julian Muscat writes).

The five-year-old revelled in the testing conditions to dismiss Fanmore by eight lengths and he is likely to be supplemented for the Newmarket event, sponsored by his owner, if similar conditions prevail before the race on October 16.

Assessor recorded another British success when taking the Prix du Cadran by six lengths. The four-year-old was bought before the race by Sultan Mohammed, who will probably transfer him to Saudi Arabia at the end of the season.

Psychobabble, the odds on favourite for the group one Ciga Grand Criterium, could not cope with the ground and was a well-beaten third behind Lost World, whose trainer, Elie Lellouche, had earlier won the group two Prix de Royallieu with Halesia.

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER
2.10 Crazy For You
2.40 Western Valley
3.10 The Happy Loon
3.40 Admirals Seat
4.10 **COLIN MUSET** (nap)
4.40 Harlestone Brook
5.10 Glowing Jade

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.10 Toujours Riviera.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT PATCHES) SIS
DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 EBF CLAXTON BAY MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,698: 1m 2f 6yd) (14 runners)

1 (3) 066 AHSANT MTOTO 13 (A Al Shafar) R Armstrong 9-0 R Price 77
2 (11) 00 BODANTREE 7 (B) (R Brodhouse) J Spearing 9-0 V Slattery –
3 (5) 45 BRANDON COURT 17 (R Michaelson) I Balding 9-0 L Dettori 87
4 (6) 0 BURRINGHAM BOY 149 (Mrs A Bosnell) B Rothwell 9-0 J Quinn –
5 (10) 5 FROM THE LEFT 9 (M Doyle) M Johnston 9-0 J Weaver –
6 (1) 42 GOLDEN HELLO 9 (BF) (G Shouler) M H Easterby 9-0 M Birch 78
7 (8) 04 KHATIR 18 (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 9-0 K Darley 62
8 (12) LIGHTNING QUEST (J Pickard) J Wainwright 9-0 W Newnes –
9 (9) 4650 LINCOLN TREASURE 7 (M O'Toole) M Chapman 9-0 D McCabe (5) 59
10 (13) 52 MUWAFIK 33 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 R Hills 72
11 (14) REBECCAS SECRET (Mrs D Miller) R Fisher 9-0 K Fallon –
12 (4) 3503 WINN'S PRIDE 9 (Mrs W Bailey) R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 76
13 (7) 0622 CRAZY FOR YOU 13 (Club 7 Racing) M Channon 8-9 Paul Eddery [illegible]
14 (2) LADY DARING (V) (Mrs D Jonas) B Ellison 8-9 NON-RUNNER –

BETTING: 5-2 Crazy For You, 11-4 Brandon Court, 4-1 Muwafik, 6-1 Golden Hello, 8-1 Ahsant Mtoto, 10-1 Winn's Pride, 12-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

AHSANT MTOTO 6l 6th of 22 to Dynamic Deluxe in a maiden at Kempton (1m, soft). BRANDON COURT 8l 5th of 8 to King's Theatre in a conditions race at Newbury (1m, good to soft). GOLDEN HELLO 10l 2nd of 9 to Double Trigger in a maiden at Redcar (1m 1f, good). LINCOLN TREASURE 4½l 4th of 9 to Mr B Reasonable in an auction maiden at Ripon (5l, good to firm). MUWAFIK 3l 2nd of 4 to Pearl Kite in a maiden at York (1m, good to firm). WINN'S PRIDE 7½l 3rd of 8 to Xylem in a maiden at Haydock (7l, soft). CRAZY FOR YOU ¾l 2nd of 5 to Beasall in a conditions race at Kempton (1m, soft). LIGHTNING QUEST (foaled Apr 24, cost Ir1,500gns) is a half-brother, by Rainbow Quest, to 5l juvenile winner Beynounah.
Selection: CRAZY FOR YOU

2.40 BUCCOO REEF CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,003: 6f) (17 runners)

1 (13) 123046 SHADOW JURY 18 (F,G,S) (P Savill) D Chapman 9-0 K Darley 95
2 (2) 344140 SUDDEN SPIN 10 (V,D,G) (Countess of Lonsdale) J Berry 8-13 J Carroll 93
3 (14) 233000 THE SHARP BIDDER 10 (D,G) (Mrs R Heathcote) R Hollinshead 8-13 S Perks 96
4 (15) 350065 BIRCHWOOD SUN 10 (B,D,F,G,S) (A Watson) M Dods 8-12 L Dettori 88
5 (7) 003303 OUR SHADEE 10 (V,D,F) (K Ivory) K Ivory 8-12 M Wigham 86
6 (4) 542506 MY GODSON 39 (B,C,F,S) (Whitestonecliffe Partnership) B Beasley 8-11 J Tate (5) 84
7 (6) 145000 MY BONUS 20 (C,F,G) (Crazy Horse Bloodstock) D Cosgrove 8-10 D Biggs 95
8 (16) 640052 COCONUT JOHNNY 10 (F,S) (Crestman Ltd) M Channon 8-9 R Painter (7) 84
9 (1) 52-5050 HICKORY BLUE 35 (B) (Mrs C Griffin) S Norton 8-9 O Pears (3) [illegible]
10 (12) 0- MIGHTY WRATH 353 (Ms K Valentini) I Campbell 8-9 N Adams –
11 (8) 000104 WESTERN VALLEY 10 (D,G) (M Brunton) K Cunningham-Brown 8-8 B Doyle (3) 92
12 (3) 000005 FREDDIE JACK 17 (B) (F Lee) F Lee 8-7 R Lappin 82
13 (11) 605100 BOLD SEVEN 31 (D,F,G) (F Lee) F Lee 8-6 Paul Eddery 94
14 (17) 006206 HAZY KAY 41 (T Brady) P Kelleway 8-4 A McGlone 85
15 (5) 413300 HIGH ROMANCE 107 (S) (Mrs J Moffatt) D Moffatt 8-4 Darren Moffatt (5) 74
16 (9) 460006 DONTBETALKING 7 (B) (K Nicholls) J Wharton 7-12 J Quinn 78
17 (10) 00-5000 BECKYHANNAH 17 (B) (T Potts) R Bastiman 7-11 L Charnock 64

BETTING: 9-2 Hickory Blue, 5-1 The Sharp Bidder, 11-2 My Bonus, 6-1 Shadow Jury, Our Shadee, 8-1 Bold Seven, My Godson, Western Valley, 10-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SHADOW JURY 1¾l 4th of 18 to Choir Practice in a handicap at Leicester (5l, good to soft). SUDDEN SPIN beat Milbank Challenger ½l in a 9-runner maiden handicap at Ripon (6l, good). COCONUT JOHNNY head 2nd of 22 to Leigh Crofter in a handicap at Haydock (6l, good to soft), with Our Shadee (2lb better off) 2l 3rd and Western Valley (3lb better off) a neck 4th. FREDDIE JACK 3¼l 5th of 16 to Family Rose in a maiden handicap at Southwell (7l, soft). BOLD SEVEN beat Palacegate Touch 2l in a 6-runner claimer at Ayr (6l, good).
Selection: OUR SHADEE

3.10 LEVY BOARD NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,262: 6f) (15 runners)

1 (6) 611351 JIMMY THE SKUNK 10 (D,F,G,S) (J Abell) J Berry 9-7 J Carroll 94
2 (15) 320001 SPRING LOADED 7 (D,S) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 8-10 (6ex) K Darley 95
3 (8) 4412 BOLD ALEX 7 (D,S) (G Charlesworth) S Norton 8-8 N Varley (7) 94
4 (9) 145421 STEADFAST ELITE 14 (D,S) (Steadfast Engineering) J J O'Neill 8-5 L Dettori 90
5 (14) 505 FEARLESS WONDER 107 (Marathon Racing) Mrs M Reveley 8-4 S Maloney (3) 81
6 (7) 328051 THE HAPPY LOON 16 (S) (J Blair) Denys Smith 8-1 K Fallon 95
7 (2) 60606 JUST FLAMENCO 9 (Mrs S Martin) M Ryan 8-2 D Biggs 96
8 (4) 000 AJNAS 37 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-1 N Carlisle 80
9 (12) 500 GRANDMAN 161 (Mrs E Milligan) D Moffatt 7-13 Darren Moffatt (5) 83
10 (1) 632364 ROSIE VALENTINE 88 (J Marsden) S Norton 7-12 J Quinn 82
11 (5) 340442 CHIEF EXECUTIVE 6 (Y Nasib) N Callaghan 7-11 G Bardwell [illegible]
12 (3) 4464 LEADING PRINCESS 10 (Mrs R Wyllie) Miss L Perratt 7-10 N Kennedy (3) 91
13 (11) 446000 LUNAR RHAPSODY 14 (Mrs M Rogers) P Felgate 7-10 J Lowe 80
14 (10) 0000 RICH GLOW 10 (M Bateson) N Bycroft 7-8 L Charnock 88
15 (13) 662000 BROUGHTONS PARTNER 27 (B Felton) W Musson 7-7 N Adams 91

BETTING: 4-1 Chief Executive, 5-1 Jimmy The Skunk, Spring Loaded, 6-1 Bold Alex, 8-1 Just Flamenco, Leading Princess, 10-1 Rosie Valentine, 12-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

JIMMY THE SKUNK beat Monkey Magic 1l in a 9-runner nursery handicap at Haydock (6l, good to soft), with Leading Princess (10lb better off) just over 2l 4th. SPRING LOADED beat Bold Alex (4lb better off) 2½l in an 11-runner nursery handicap at Southwell (6l, soft). Steadfast Elite beat Dangerous Shadow 1¾l in an 11-runner nursery handicap at Nottingham (6l, good to soft), with Lunar Rhapsody (12lb better off) 14l 8th. THE HAPPY LOON beat Michelisa 2l in a 13-runner nursery handicap at Catterick (7l, good to soft). CHIEF EXECUTIVE 4l 2nd of 15 to King Rat in a seller at Brighton (5l, good to firm).
Selection: STEADFAST ELITE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Dunlop	4	10	40.0	D Holland	6	26	23.1
M Channon	3	9	33.3	R Hills	12	57	21.1
H Thomson Jones	6	22	27.3	L Dettori	15	73	20.5
M Ryan	3	11	27.3	A McGlone	3	15	20.0
G Wragg	9	34	26.5	S Sanders	4	22	18.2
I Balding	7	32	21.9	A Garth	5	30	16.7

3.40 YORK & WESTMINSTER APPRENTICE HANDICAP SERIES
(Final: £3,132: 1m 4f 8yd) (14 runners)

1 (7) 012150 GREY POWER 19 (CD,F,G,S) (A Frame) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-0 S Copp (3) 94
2 (14) 04306-0 ELEGANT FRIEND 42 (F) (Mark Tompkins Racing) M Tompkins 5-9-1 S Mulvey 89
3 (10) 13560-0 ADMIRALS SEAT 10 (S) (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-12 D Thomas (5) 92
4 (11) 145000 MODEST HOPE 17 (C,D,F,G) (J McMenemon) B Richmond 6-8-6 Claire Balding 97
5 (5) 803130 REACH FOR GLORY 7 (F,G) (R Whitaker) R Whitaker 4-8-6 G Parkin 89
6 (4) 553653 THE PREMIER EXPRES 7 (S) (R Dawson) W Bentley 3-8-6 J Tate 95
7 (9) 541005 FAMOUS BEAUTY 7 (D,F,G,S) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 6-7-13 A Garth [illegible]
8 (13) 020303 BAHER 16 (Mrs C Milner) Mrs A Swinbank 4-7-9 Carol Davison (7) 98
9 (12) 363000 SHARQUIN 14 (F,G) (M Murphy) M Brittain 6-7-8 C Adamson (5) 94
10 (8) 648510 SIR EDWARD HENRY 59 (B,F) (P Barr) F Lee 3-7-8 G Milligan (5) 94
11 (6) 0-00 TROY BOY 19 (B) (Lostford Manor Racing) S Norton 3-7-7 C Teague (3) 93
12 (2) 00-4000 PONDERED BID 154 (G,S) (J Dooler) J Dooler 9-7-7 N Varley 80
13 (1) 0-0000 CIVIL ACTION 9 (D Wright) Mrs P Barker 3-7-7 F Savage (7) 91
14 (3) 00-5600 QUESSONG 45 (F Lee) F Lee 3-7-7 A Whelan (5) 72

Long handicap: Troy Boy 7-6, Pondered Bid 7-2, Civil Action 6-13, Quessong 6-8.

BETTING: 3-1 The Premier Expres, 4-1 Sir Edward Henry, 5-1 Elegant Friend, Grey Power, 6-1 Sharquin, 8-1 Admirals Seat, Famous Beauty, 12-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

GREY POWER beat Contract Elite 6l in a 5-runner handicap over course and distance (soft). THE PREMIER EXPRES was a head and a short-head 3rd of 16 to Ero Leath-Sceal in a handicap at Hamilton (1m 4f, good). BAHER 14l 3rd of 8 to Rispoto in a ladies' maiden at Catterick (1m 4f, good to soft). SIR EDWARD HENRY beat Comtalka ½l in an 8-runner maiden handicap at Hamilton (1m 3f, good to firm).
Selection: THE PREMIER EXPRES

4.10 MARAVAL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,845: 1m 4yd) (16 runners)

1 (13) 1-10003 BARIK 12 (D,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-7 A McGlone 89
2 (2) 31-5 WEAVER BIRD 91 (G) (Mrs H Candy) H Candy 9-4 W Newnes 85
3 (6) 1-605 GUY'S JOY 20 (S) (T Wogan) B Hills 9-2 D Holland 88
4 (12) 1240-10 MR BUTCH 172 (C,BF,F) (G Herridge) M Channon 9-2 R Painter (7) 86
5 (8) 000104 HARPOON LOUIE 17 (D,F) (P Savill) M H Easterby 9-1 K Darley 88
6 (7) 304000 NAFUTH 12 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 J Weaver 96
7 (16) 315200 MUTAKALLAM 13 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-9 R Hills 94
8 (5) 622000 DOC COTTRILL 10 (S) (P Leonard) Mrs J Ramsden 8-8 K Fallon 93
9 (15) 104212 MISTY SILKS 47 (D,G) (P Axon) M Ryan 8-8 D Biggs 92
10 (11) 500112 KARINSKA 19 (C,D,BF,F,G) (G Whitop) M Chapman 8-7 D McCabe (5) 92
11 (14) 0001 COLIN MUSET 6 (D,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-7 (6ex) L Dettori [illegible]
12 (4) 020055 TARNSIDE ROSAL 18 (F,G) (Mrs A Lockhart) J Etherington 8-5 J Carroll 92
13 (9) 3-50040 MUSTAKIM 18 (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 7-12 R Price 92
14 (1) 5340-0 PURE MADNESS 189 (M Redid) J Scargill 7-9 N Carlisle 91
15 (3) 552650 MUTAWALI 35 (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 7-7 J Lowe 98
16 (10) 022451 CLAIRIFICATION 18 (B,D,S) (Mrs S Hallam) J Wharton 7-7 J Quinn 85

Long handicap: Mutawali 7-5, Clairification 7-3.

BETTING: 4-1 Colin Muset, 5-1 Harpoon Louie, 6-1 Clairification, Mutakallam, 8-1 Barik, Karinska, 12-1 others.

1992: GOOD FOR THE ROSES 6-8-2 M Roberts (7-1) M McCormack 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

BARIK 9l 3rd of 9 to Carelaman in a conditions race at Brighton (1m, good to firm). WEAVER BIRD 9l 5th of 6 to Blue Lion in a conditions race at Windsor (1m 2l, good to firm). MR BUTCH beat Wordsmith 1l in a 9-runner handicap at Doncaster on penultimate start in March (7l, good to firm). HARPOON LOUIE 4½l 4th of 15 to Wainwright in a handicap at Ayr (1m, good to firm). MISTY SILKS 5l 2nd of 9 to Pearly Mist in a handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2l, good). KARINSKA beat Zinbaq 3l in a 22-runner handicap at York (7l, good to firm). COLIN MUSET beat Mistermani 3½l in a 6-runner maiden at Brighton (1m, good to soft). CLAIRIFICATION beat Katakagathos a neck in a 16-runner maiden handicap at Yarmouth (1m, good to soft).
Selection: KARINSKA

4.40 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO HANDICAP
(£3,366: 2m 1f 22yd) (19 runners)

1 (13) 0/02202 BALLY KNIGHT 14 (F) (N Lunn) D Morris 7-10-0 C Hodgson (3) 93
2 (18) 206104 SALU 17 (BF,F,G,S) (W Lumley) J Etherington 4-9-6 J Carroll 94
3 (10) 252242 HARLESTONE BROOK 18 (F,S) (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 3-9-5 Paul Eddery 98
4 (6) 324423- ATTADALE 149J (F) (C McGhie) L Lungo 5-9-5 M Birch 86
5 (7) 344515 BRIGGSMAID 17 (BF,F,G) (F Briggs/Park Lane Racing) J Eustace 5-9-4 M Tebbutt 91
6 (16) 42-5015 SAMAIN 28 (C,BF,F) (Countrywide Classics Ltd) J Glover 6-9-2 N Carlisle 91
7 (9) 0-00500 ADMONISTER 152 (B,G) (T Gibbons) M Meagher 5-9-2 S Maloney (3) 93
8 (14) 63402-0 KAUSAR 14 (B) (Four Gentlemen) G Moore 6-8-12 W Newnes 89
9 (1) 0515/4 AUTHORSHIP 14 (C,F) (Mrs J Francis) W Musson 7-8-9 D McCabe (5) 90
10 (11) 6053-02 SERAPHIM 17 (F) (Mrs B Ramsden) A Harrison 4-8-4 K Darley 93
11 (8) 666664 MINGUS 17 (F,S) (A Antonelli) R Fisher 8-8-1 K Fallon 93
12 (15) 000000 PATROCLUS 7 (C,D,F,G,S) (Miss J Newell) R Voorspuy 8-7-12 N Adams 94
13 (19) 045130 SIDE BAR 8J (B,F) (P Flavo) M Ryan 3-7-11 D Biggs 91
14 (17) 241034 KOVALEVSKIA 100 (F,G,S) (D Wilson) D Wilson 8-7-11 G Bardwell 91
15 (3) 06/5440 A GENTLEMAN TWO 34 (B) (J Eyre) J Eyre 7-7-8 J Lowe 95
16 (4) 600 WORLD WITHOUT END 90 (Mrs A Norton) S Norton 4-7-8 J Quinn [illegible]
17 (2) 004455 BRIDGE PLAYER 26J (G) (D & M Lambert) D Moffatt 6-7-7 Darren Moffatt (5) 85
18 (5) 066435 DON'T CRY 47 (Don Enrico Incisa) E Incisa 5-7-7 Kim Tinkler 85
19 (12) 00/0000 MRS NORMAN 9 (M Flint) A Potts 4-7-7 B Doyle (3) 85

Long handicap: Bridge Player 7-2, Don't Cry 6-13, Mrs Norman 6-12.

BETTING: 6-1 Harlestone Brook, 7-1 Briggsmaid, Kovalevskia, 8-1 Bally Knight, Salu, 10-1 Kausar, 14-1 others.

1992: AMBUSCADE 6-9-4 K Darley (4-1) Mrs M Reveley 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALLY KNIGHT ½l 2nd of 18 to Five To Seven in a handicap at Nottingham (2m, soft). SALU beat Provence 2½l in an 11-runner handicap at Thirsk (2m, firm). HARLESTONE BROOK 8l 2nd of 11 to Safety In Numbers in a handicap at Lingfield (1m 6l, soft). ATTADALE just over 1l 3rd of 8 to Vain Prince in a handicap at Newcastle (2m, good). BRIGGSMAID beat Irish Stamp 3l in a 20-runner handicap at Nottingham (2m, firm). SAMAIN beat Jawani 1l in a 17-runner handicap at Ripon (2m, good to firm). SERAPHIM 3½l 2nd of 10 to Hunting Ground in a handicap at Ayr (2m 1f, good to firm).
Selection: SERAPHIM

5.10 CARONI MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,971: 1m 4yd) (16 runners)

1 (2) 424002 ABLE CHOICE 19 (Dr C Li) R Armstrong 9-0 R Hills 90
2 (10) 0-4 DO TELL 68 (Hargate Stud and Racing Ltd) T Donnelly 9-0 S D Williams (3) 67
3 (16) FLOWING OCEAN (H Allen) J Gosden 9-0 L Dettori –
4 (14) GEMBKOSBX (R Macgregor) B Beasley 9-0 J Tate (5) –
5 (13) 0 GYMCRAK DIAMOND 9 (Gymcrak Racing Club) G Holmes 9-0 S Maloney (3) –
6 (3) 03-06 MISSED FLIGHT 13 (W Grubmuller) C Wall 9-0 P Robinson 88
7 (11) 42 TOUJOURS RIVIERA 23 (J Pearce) G Wragg 9-0 Paul Eddery [illegible]
8 (7) 052032 VILLAGE GREEN 17 (V) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 9-0 K Darley 95
9 (15) 0- WATER SKIER 368 (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 9-0 D Holland –
10 (9) BURROUGH HILL LASS (Mrs J Moseley) B McMahon 8-9 S Sanders (7) –
11 (1) 3550 CELESTIAL CHOIR 9 (J Eyre) J Eyre 8-9 N Adams 71
12 (4) 4-46 DOMOVOY 16 (I Gleeson) Miss Gay Kelleway 8-9 W Newnes 74
13 (8) 22-0 GLOWING JADE 10 (B Eistick) M Channon 8-9 K Fallon 81
14 (6) 246000 QUEENS CONSUL 13 (Mass H Davison) B Rothwell 8-9 J Quinn 89
15 (5) 455600 SAMANTHAS JOY 7 (T Marshall) A Potts 8-9 C Hodgson (3) 56
16 (12) 0 YA MAI 13 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 8-9 A McGlone –

BETTING: 10-11 Toujours Riviera, 4-1 Able Choice, 6-1 Village Green, 7-1 Missed Flight, 10-1 others

1992: ALBEMINE 9-0 G Duffield (16-1) Mrs J Cecil 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

ABLE CHOICE 3l 2nd of 6 to Princely Favour in a conditions race at Sandown (7l, soft). MISSED FLIGHT 10l 6th of 11 to Devils Den in a maiden at Nottingham (1m, heavy). TOUJOURS RIVIERA 5l 2nd to Darrary in a maiden at Goodwood (1m 2l, good to soft). VILLAGE GREEN 4l 2nd to Windrush Lady in a maiden at Newbury (1m, good to soft).
Selection: TOUJOURS RIVIERA (nap)

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Newmarket

Going: good to soft

1.55 (7f) 1, Braveboy (B Doyle, 25-1); 2, Our Rita (20-1); 3, Time Again (16-1); 4, Parliament Piece (33-1). Yajeed 11-1 jt-fav. 23 ran. ¾l, nk. C Brittain. Tote: £28.20; £5.00, £3.30, £5.50, £7.40. DF: £179.70. CSF: £402.14. Tricast: £7,203.38.

2.25 (1m 2f) 1, Talented (W Carson, 4-1); 2, Andromaque (11-2); 3, Felawnah (11-4 fav). 7 ran. NR: Dancing Bloom. Nk, sh hd. J Dunlop. Tote: £5.00; £2.20, £2.30. DF: £16.80. CSF: £23.17.

3.00 (6f) 1, Rafferty's Rules (K Fallon, 2-1 fav); 2, Blurred Image (14-1); 3, Mary Hinge (6-1). 11 ran. NR: Thatcherella. 2½l, nk. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £3.90, £1.90. DF: £35.90. Trio: £54.70. CSF: £26.58. Tricast: £130.85.

3.40 (1m 1f) 1, Penny Drops (D Harrison, 7-1 fav); 2, Talent (33-1); 3, Rambo's Hall (8-1); 4, Loki (16-1). 33 ran. NR: Lap Of Luxury, Colour Sergeant, Shamam, Camden's Ransom, Deevee. 6l, nk. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £8.70; £2.70, £5.80, £3.00, £4.00. DF: £99.10. Trio: £591.50. CSF: £197.17. Tricast: £1,744.78.

4.15 (2m) 1, Further Flight (M Hills, 2-1); 2, Edbaysaan (6-4 fav); 3, Zinaad (11-2). 6 ran. 2l, sh hd. B Hills. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £1.50. DF: £2.50. CSF: £4.99.

4.45 (7f) 1, Bulaxie (W Carson, 7-4 fav); 2, Lady Fairfax (8-1); 3, Mild Rebuke (11-2). 6 ran. 2l, ¾l. J Dunlop. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £3.00. DF: £11.00. CSF: £13.77.

5.20 (6f) 1, Finger Of Light (W R Swinburn, 100-30); 2, Noble Rose (8-1); 3, Primo Stampari (14-1). Istibsher 7-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Tzu'mu, Wild Truffles. Nk, ¾l. M Stoute. Tote: £4.40; £1.90, £2.00, £1.70. DF: £14.40. CSF: £28.22.

Jackpot: £273,365.80.
Placepot: £1,301.60.

Chepstow

2.00 1, Desperate (2-1); 2, Jimbalou (9-1), 3, Storm Drum (6-4 fav). 6 ran.

2.35 1, Eepy (3-1), 2, Dakyns Boy (Evens fav); 3, Topsham Bay (7-2). 5 ran.

3.10 1, Cultured (9-4 jt-fav); 2, Bo Knows Best (11-4); 3, Mohana (9-4 jt-fav). 6 ran. NR: Albemine.

3.45 1, Lusty Light (6-4 fav); 2, Wilkie McGarr (5-1); 3, Babil (4-1). 9 ran.

4.20 1, Dance Partout (3-1 fav); 2, Dorobo (14-1); 3, Graham Gooch (6-1). 13 ran. NR: Stormy Sunset.

4.50 1, Arran View (15-8); 2, Amphigory (7-1); 3, James The First (11-8 fav). 6 ran. NR: Knockavon.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DYNAMIC DELUXE
(3.00 Warwick)
Next best: Harlestone Brook
(4.40 Pontefract)

Kelso

2.20 1, Principal Player (11-2); 2, Devilry (7-2); 3, Hyde's Happy Hour (7-2). Mistroy 9-4 fav. 10 ran.

2.55 1, Clare Lad (9-2), 2, Veleda II (7-4 fav), 3, The Waltzing Mouse (16-1). 5 ran.

3.25 1, Hazel Leaf (14-1), 2, Taroudant (9-4 fav); 3, As D'Eboli (16-1). 9 ran.

3.55 1, Off The Bru (7-2); 2, Eastern Oasis (11-1); 3, Over The Deel (7-4 fav). 6 ran.

4.25 1, Westholme (3-1 jt-fav); 2, Fling In Spring (16-1), 3, Elliotts Charm (8-1). Persian Soldier 3-1 jt-fav. 13 ran.

5.00 1, Beaucadeau (3-1), 2, Astunas (16-1); 3, Flowing River (2-1 fav). 9 ran.

Uttoxeter

2.05 1, Mozamo (12-1); 2, Milzig (3-1 fav); 3, Jon's Choice (25-1). 15 ran.

2.35 1, OK Records (7-1); 2, The Hidden City (8-1); 3, Film Lighting Girl (50-1); 4, Suasanan Sosana (14-1). Bum Bridge 13-2 fav. 18 ran.

3.05 1, Fardross (11-2); 2, Kidcowney Hill (7-1); 3, Whatagale (9-4 fav). 10 ran.

3.35 1, Springaleak (7-2); 2, Wind Force (2-1 fav); 3, Kilbanon (14-1). 5 ran.

4.05 1, Red Indian (7-1); 2, Le Metayer (3-1 fav); 3, Jamestown Boy (12-1). 10 ran.

4.35 1, Ballyroe Lady (25-1); 2, Toureen Prince (7-1); 3, Pardon Me Mum (11-2). Persian House 9-4 fav. 9 ran.

5.05 1, Needwood Poppy (12-1), 2, Classic Hunter (7-1); 3, Sarannpour (20-1). Laburnum 2-1 fav. 13 ran.

Longchamp

Grand Criterium (1m) 1, Lost World (O Peslier); 2, Signe Divin; 3, Psychobabble. 7 ran. NR: Poudre A Canon. ¾l, 1½l. E Lellouche. Pari-mutuel (inc 1fr stake): 10.10; 4.30, 4.50. DF: 47.30.

Prix du Cadran (2m 4f) 1, Assessor (J Reid); 2, Sought Out, 3, Sonus. 11 ran. 8l, sh nk. R Hannon (GB). Pari-mutuel. 2.20; 1.20, 1.70, 1.90. DF: 6.50.

Prix Dollar (1m 1f 160yd) 1, Knifebox (M Roberts); 2, Fanmore, 3, Manido. 5 ran. 8l, 1½l. J Gosden (GB). Pari-mutuel: 2.40, 1.50, 1.90. DF. 9.00.

Longchamp Sunday

Prix de l'Abbaye (5f) 1, Lochsong (L Dettori): 2, Stack Rock; 3, Monde Bleu. 11 ran. 6l, sh hd. I Balding (GB). Pari-mutuel: 3.00; 2.30, 3.60; 2.10. DF: 58.10.

WARWICK

THUNDERER
1.30 Trypanis. 2.00 Disco Boy. 2.30 Mesleh. 3.00 Legal Train. 3.30 Cizarga. 4.00 Finjan. 4.30 Ya Malak. 5.00 Racing Telegraph.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
3.00 **NAWAFELL** (nap). 4.30 Ya Malak.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
4.30 **YA MALAK**.

GOING: SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.30 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,465: 6f) (11 runners)

1 23 CHASTIZE 40 R Hollinshead 8-11 W Ryan 9
2 64 SCHNOZZLE 95 (BF) M Fetherston-Godley 8-11 W R Swinburn 7
3 0042 MONKEY MAGIC 10 (B) J Berry 8-10 L Piggott 4
4 2 RED CLOUD 107 M Tompkins 8-8 P Robinson 8
5 00 COURSE FISHING 19 B McMahon 8-6 A Mackay 3
6 PAVACINI M Britain 8-6 A Munro 2
7 FLORA BELLE Lord Huntingdon 8-5 D Harrison 11
8 5 TRYPANIS 14 G Wragg 8-3 M Hills 6
9 050 RADIANT DANCER 14 R Phillips 8-1 G Duffield 1
10 0 VAX IT 42 J Spearing 8-1 G Hind 10
11 WHITE SHOOT D Chappell 8-1 A Tucker 5

11-4 Red Cloud, 3-1 Chastize, 7-2 Trypanis, 6-1 Monkey Magic, 10-1 Radiant Dancer, Schnozzle, 12-1 others.

2.00 PRINCE RUPERT MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£3,523: 5f) (16)

1 5202 MAGIC PEARL 7 (BF) E Alston 3-10-0 S Knott (7) 12
2 0242 DOUBLE SHIFT 14 (V) B Millman 4-9-13 S Whitworth 9
3 0523 MARCHMAN 7 J Berry 3-9-9 W Carson 11
4 3320 LORINS GOLD 14 (B) A Turnell 3-9-5 L Piggott 6
5 5440 DISCO BOY 14 B McMahon 3-9-4 T Quinn 10
6 3204 SOPHISTICATED AIR 18 (B) I Balding 3-9-4 R Cochrane 7
7 -000 JOCKS JOKER 7 J Wilson 3-9-0 J Fortune 3
8 5455 CHILI LADY 18 (BF) P Makin 3-9-0 A Munro 13
9 4532 SWINGING TICH 21 B McMahon 4-8-10 A Mackay 4
10 0220 LITTLE OSBORNE 10 (B,BF) M Bell 3-8-8 M Hills 14
11 6600 GARRY'S CHOICE 34 B Smart 4-8-8 Dale Gibson 2
12 0000 VICTORIAS PASSION 13 J Glover 3-8-6 W Ryan 8
13 0600 TAKE IT IN CASH 13 R Dickin 4-8-5 C Rutter 1
14 6000 JOTRA 10 (V) E Alston 3-7-13 T Williams 15
15 6000 CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 17 (B) R Peacock 4-7-8 J Fanning 5
16 -000 MANADEL 21 (V) S Bowring 3-7-7 E Johnson 16

4-1 Double Shift, 5-1 Sophisticated Air, Swinging Tich, 6-1 Little Osborne, Magic Pearl, 8-1 Lorins Gold, 10-1 others.

2.30 ARDEN CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,690: 1m 2f 169yd) (4)

1 1-33 MESLEH 131 (CD,BF,G,S) J Gosden 6-9-2 Pat Eddery 1
2 1/0- FORGE BAY 388 (G) H Collingridge 6-9-0 C Hawksley (7) 2
3 00 PALACE MAN 17 P Murphy 5-9-0 S Drowne (5) 3
4 4423 SALATIN 14 (BF,G) P Walwyn 3-8-10 W Carson 4

5-6 Salatin, 11-10 Mesleh, 12-1 Forge Bay, 33-1 Palace Man.

3.00 VAUXHALL MASTER HIRE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,753: 1m) (22)

1 4331 DYNAMIC DELUXE 13 (D,S) I Balding 9-7 S O'Gorman 5
2 5052 SECUNDUS 27 B Meehan 9-5 B Rouse 20
3 506 ART TATUM 34 R Hannon 9-5 M Hills 8
4 6124 DULFORD LAD 41 (C,F) B Millman 9-4 S Whitworth 2
5 6040 SHOOFK 13 Mrs L Piggott 9-1 L Piggott 21
6 4000 AL JINN 13 R Williams 9-0 Sarah Thompson (7) 1
7 2203 WESTERN FLEET 30 R Hannon 9-0 T Quinn 15
8 0631 NAWAFELL 8 (G) A Scott 9-0 (7ex) W R Swinburn 16
9 480 CARA CARLTON 13 K Cunningham-Brown 8-13 W Ryan 11
10 3003 LEGAL TRAIN 14 J Etherington 8-11 J Williams 13
11 3040 WOODS VENTURE 47 S Woods 8-9 W Woods 6
12 6005 RUNIC SYMBOL 21 M Blanshard 8-7 A Munro 14
13 3000 SWORDSMANSHIP 21 (B) M Prescott 8-6 G Duffield 17
14 000 KENILWORTH FORD 19 J Wilson 8-4 J Fortune 9
15 0544 MOORAN 18 J Berry 8-3 W Carson 18
16 0000 CREEK VALLEY 28 Mrs J Ramsden 7-12 Dale Gibson 10
17 6500 LIFE'S TOO SHORT 13 G Pritchard-Gordon 7-10 J Fanning 4
18 4604 NORTHERN STARLIGHT 7 (V) P Murphy 7-10 D Harrison 19
19 004 SNOWDON SLIGHTS 25 M Tompkins 7-9 E Johnson 7
20 0005 EXPRESS LINE 59 A Jarvis 7-8 M Baird (7) 12
21 0005 LITTLE HOOLIGAN 12 (V,B) M Channon 7-8 C Rutter 3
22 0000 SOTTISES 14 P Dalton 7-7 A Mackay 22

6-1 Nawafell, 8-1 Dynamic Deluxe, Secundus, 10-1 Dulford Lad, Legal Train, Northern Starlight, Shoofk, 12-1 others.

3.30 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,435: 6f) (10)

1 0 SHAYNES DOMAIN 49 (B) J Sutcliffe 8-11 J Williams 4
2 05 TONE CONTROL 12 S Woods 8-11 W Woods 5
3 WHITE TOP Lord Huntingdon 8-8 D Harrison 9
4 2430 PHONEAHOLIC 7 B Meehan 8-7 B Rouse 2
5 000 HEALTHY RISK 7 M Blanshard 8-6 T Quinn 1
6 SOUPERFICIAL J Glover 8-6 J Fortune 7
7 0666 POSSIBILITY 14 Mrs L Piggott 8-3 G Duffield 3
8 BADGE OF COURAGE W Jarvis 8-1 A Munro 8
9 4 CIZARGA 37 (BF) D Cosgrove 8-1 L Newton (5) 10
10 2 SALVEZZA 7 (BF) P Chapple-Hyam 8-1 W Carson 6

6-4 Salvezza, 5-1 Phoneaholic, 6-1 Cizarga, Possibility, Tone Control, 8-1 White Top, 12-1 others.

4.00 QUEEN BESS CLAIMING APPRENTICE STAKES (£2,870: 6f) (17)

1 000- THE OLD CHAPEL 416 (D,S) B McMahon 4-9-4 J Bramhill (5) 2
2 2340 SOBER LAD 9 (G) J Berry 3-9-2 P Roberts 15
3 0000 RUBY COOPER 19 (B) P Howling 3-9-0 Debbie Biggs (5) 12
4 5543 APACHE MYTH 13 R Hannon 3-8-11 Wendy Jones (5) 5
5 1400 FINJAN 10 (D,F) M Ware 6-8-9 J Dennis (5) 13
6 8800 STRIP CARTOON 7 (B,D,G,S) S Bowring 5-8-9 G Strange (3) 6
7 0000 ANOTHER KINGDOM 55 (CD,F,G) P Howling 3-8-7 L Carter 7
8 2305 LARN FORT 37 (V,D,G,S) T Fairhurst 3-8-7 J Gracey (7) 9
9 -500 SENOR L'AMOUR 35 (B) A Turnell 3-8-7 D O'Neill (5) 10
10 36 OLYMPIA 73 J Spearing 3-8-5 L Suthern (7) 11
11 0034 NO GAIN 35 B Smart 3-8-2 W Hawksley (7) 3
12 3040 RED LEADER 7 (D,G,S) P Cole 3-8-1 A Daly (7) 14
13 00 COOL ETOILE 7 R Hollinshead 3-7-13 A Eddery (7) 4
14 2506 AVRIL ETOILE 18 (BF) L Holt 3-7-10 Iona Wands (5) 17
15 3025 ALL THE GIRLS 7 R Dickin 4-7-9 S Jones (7) 16
16 5200 COLMAR 10 J Spearing 3-7-7 D Denby (7) 1
17 0-60 THE WEND 40 W G M Turner 3-7-7 M Baird (5) 8

9-2 Finjan, 5-1 Avril Etoile, The Old Chapel, 6-1 All The Girls, No Gain, Sober Lad. 8-1 others.

4.30 WROXHALL CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,232: 5f) (6)

1 1434 MOSCOW ROAD 33 (D,BF,S) R Hannon 9-1 W R Swinburn 6
2 1524 YA MALAK 23 (D,G) J Payne 8-13 R Cochrane 2
3 ANOTHER SOLOMON J Scargill 8-11 K Rutter (5) 4
4 50 PLEASURE TRICK 41 F Lee 8-11 A Clark 5
5 2160 NA'S FLYER 19 (D,G) J Berry 8-8 P Roberts (7) 1
6 2120 TWICE IN BUNDORAN 34 (D,G) D Cosgrove 8-8 T Quinn 3

Evens Ya Malak, 2-1 Moscow Road, 4-1 Twice In Bundoran, 12-1 Na's Flyer, 14-1 Pleasure Trick, 20-1 Another Solomon.

5.00 KINGSBURY LIMITED STAKES
(£3,295: 7f) (20)

1 0300 CEE-EN-CEE 46 (V,D,F,G,S) Mrs M McCourt 9-9-0 A Tucker 13
2 1000 DESERT SPLENDOUR 86 (B,D,G,S) B Cambidge 5-9-0 D McCabe (5) 20
3 2103 GALLERY ARTIST 79 (D,G,S) R Guest 5-9-0 S Eiffert (7) 15
4 6800 GREY CHARMER 23 (F,G,S) C James 4-9-0 S Whitworth 1
5 680- PERSIAN BUD 401 J Bosley 5-9-0 S Raymont 5
6 3550 PROUD BRIGADIER 16 (G) M Channon 5-9-0 T Quinn 2
7 1031 PUSEY STREET BOY 10 (C,D,F,G,S) J Bosley 6-9-0 C Rutter 19
8 1006 SIRTELIMAR 7 (G) R Spicer 4-9-0 A Mackay 5
9 4300 YOUNG VALENTINE 6 (D,F,S) R Whitaker 4-9-0 W Woods 10
10 1315 CORONA GOLD 47 (D,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-11 W R Swinburn 11
11 6430 RACING TELEGRAPH 4 (G) J Pearce 3-8-11 M Wigham 16
12 -150 TIME HONORED 19 (F) M Prescott 3-8-11 G Duffield 17
13 2300 WATERLORD 6J M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-11 A Clark 8
14 0345 AMETHYSTINE 151 (D,BF,F,G) R Hodges 7-8-9 A Munro 12
15 5012 CELESTINE 7 (D,BF,F,G,S) T Fairhurst 4-8-9 J Fanning 4
16 2406 ON Y VA 52 (CD,G,S) R Williams 5-8-9 Sarah Thompson (7) 18
17 4501 UNVEILED 12 (CD,F,G) R Hodges 5-8-9 S Drowne (5) 7
18 5330 FINAL OAK 52 B McMahon 3-8-6 J Fortune 9
19 2251 PENNY BANGER 4 (B,D,G,S) M Johnston 3-8-6 T Williams 3
20 5400 VILAMAR 38 (D,F) E Alston 3-8-6 S Knott (7) 14

6-1 Waterlord, 7-1 Celestine, 8-1 Corona Gold, On Y Va, Unveiled, 10-1 Proud Brigadier, Racing Telegraph, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: F Lee, 4 winners from 15 runners, 26.7%; P Chapple-Hyam, 8 from 32, 25.0%; A Scott, 4 from 18, 22.2%; P Walwyn, 4 from 20, 20.0%; J Etherington, 3 from 15, 20.0%; J Gosden, 5 from 27, 18.5%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 19 winners from 67 rides, 28.4%; W Carson, 26 from 101, 25.7%; R Cochrane, 11 from 56, 19.6%; W R Swinburn, 12 from 63, 19.0%; M Hills, 11 from 58, 19.0%; W Ryan, 13 from 72, 18.1%.

☐ Michael Kinane, the champion jockey in Ireland, leaves for his second six-month stint in Hong Kong after equalling the record of 114 winners in a season when landing a double at the Curragh on Saturday. Having missed the first four weeks of the Irish season, his total is outstanding, and owes much to the backing of leading trainers Dermot Weld and John Oxx.

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	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
R Hannon	158	151	134	3	-84.30
J Berry	125	113	93	5	-71.02
J Gosden	90	54	42	3	+64.32
H Cecil	86	57	55	5	-7.22
J Dunlop	81	70	59	1	-34.89
Mrs M Reveley	70	61	60	6	-94.99
M Johnston	67	81	56	2	-101.10
M Stoute	61	48	49	1	-63.52
M Prescott	50	40	29	3	-8.06
P Cole	50	53	71	6	-163.97
P Chapple-Hyam	48	31	19	4	-38.14
I Balding	48	33	34	4	-41.57
D Loder	45	31	26	10	-6.28
R Akehurst	41	38	16	2	+14.23
R Charlton	39	33	14	8	+55.00

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	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
Pat Eddery	148	119	75	2	-85.56
K Darley	132	123	99	22	-139.88
L Dettori	125	105	105	12	-31.52
G Duffield	107	85	87	8	-75.91
T Quinn	107	103	89	13	-109.44
W Carson	102	83	102	1	-154.91
M Roberts	99	84	104	4	-138.51
J Reid	95	97	80	10	-118.93
J Carroll	85	75	68	13	-96.01
W Ryan	85	75	72	13	-77.88
W R Swinburn	84	64	72	0	+17.01
R Cochrane	79	98	78	3	-205.12
M Hills	77	85	63	1	-131.94
Dean McKeown	67	83	53	10	-112.31
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United turn key to lock out stunned Wednesday



Francis: dazzled

Peter Ball watches Britain's most gifted team turn in a performance that suggests it is already a banker for the Premiership title

SO WHO needs the Olympic Games? The Sheffield Wednesday supporters chanted "Sydney, Sydney" derisively on Saturday, but Manchester already has the finest sporting show imaginable — Ryan Giggs, Eric Cantona, Lee Sharpe and the rest of the Manchester United players.

Wednesday made one serious mistake at Hillsborough — they scored first. Until then, they had been holding their own. United's response to the affront was immediate. Within three minutes, they were level and, in 17, they led 3-1 before relaxing to allow Wednesday the consolation of a second goal. Some consolation.

"Their reaction was quite stunning," Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, said. "They changed into another gear, went ahead 3-1 and knocked the stuffing out of us. When they went a goal down, they showed for 20 minutes that they are the best team in Europe."

It was hard not to sympathise with Wednesday, who played their part to the full in another in the history of splendid games between these two sides. In that 20 minutes, United were simply sublime, the goals exceptional.

Hughes scored two, Giggs one to make it a Welsh day to remember, but the creation of the second and third had Gallic flair and all owed something to Irish strength and perception. For the first, Keane's quick pass released Sharpe and his splendid, curling cross evaded Cantona and Palmer for Hughes to control and sidestep Woods in one movement.

The second was made by Cantona, who picked up a loose ball, played a one-two with Keane, strode on, drawing defenders, then laid a square pass into Hughes's path. A firm shot did the rest.

The third was the *pièce de resistance*: Cantona received from Keane and released Giggs with a perfectly weighted pass to hold off King and drive the ball back past Woods's feet as the keeper went for the other post.

"You don't have to look any further than Manchester United for this season's champions," Sinton, the Wednesday winger, said. "We played as well as we have all season, yet they overpowered us. We thought we'd stopped them. Des Walker played Mark Hughes so well and he still got two goals. We also thought we had stopped Ryan Giggs, to the extent that we could hear their players moaning at him, but they are unstoppable."

Can anyone catch United? "Arsenal are their most likely challengers," Francis said, "but they've gone to Anfield, and they'll be pleased with a draw. If United went there next week, I'm sure Alex would expect to win. I'm sure he expects to win every game. I would if I had his players.

"We've got some very good players here, but they've got some outstanding players and can only get better. We've had some good teams in the last decade, but they are the best English team I've seen for a long time. They've improved as the years have gone by."

He singled out Peter Schmeichel and Roy Keane for special mention, but identified the wide players as the key — "Two young players who have tremendous athleticism, great skill, great movement, and the ability to score goals".

Francis also pointed to the growing influence of Paul Ince after a rocky start with Alex Ferguson. "Just as the team are one of the best in Europe, he has become one of the best midfield players in Europe," he said.

Francis added that, perhaps, only a fixture build-up can halt United. The only other glimmer of hope he could offer may be their need for a challenge to produce their best because, unlike the United once powered by Law, Best and Charlton, United do not expend their talent against lesser sides.

However, it is a small straw for the rest of the Premiership to clutch and the fears that United would find it more difficult the second time around have already been proved false.

"To be honest, it's been easier this year," Mark Hughes said, without a hint of boastfulness. "We're twice the team we were two years ago. I think winning the League turned the key for us."

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): C Woods — R Nilsson, C Palmer, D Walker, P Ling — C Waddle, J Sheridan, G Hyde, A Sinton — C Bart-Williams, M Bright
MANCHESTER UNITED (4-2-4): P Schmeichel — P Parker, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — R Keane, P Ince — R Giggs (sub: A Kanchelskis, 84min), E Cantona, M Hughes, L Sharpe
Referee: D Allison.

Shearer's display lights up the face of Taylor

Peter Robinson sees an England player stake a strong claim to be included in the team against Holland

HE LEFT with a grin, a mischievous smile that said his jaunt down the M4 had been worth it. No, he was giving nothing away, but if Alan Shearer's name is not in the England squad announced today, then Graham Taylor will endure another frosty press conference and more screaming headlines. He did not give the impression on Saturday of a man expecting any trouble.

Taylor only had one reason for venturing west. Shearer. The World Cup qualifier with Holland in Rotterdam is little more than a week away and the 23-year-old Blackburn forward, England's finest, is just back after nine months' nursing a torn knee ligament. Is he fit? Is he ready for international football? Taylor, the England manager, was drawn to the County Ground like a bee to honey. He couldn't help himself.

The game — to most intents and purposes, little more than a glorified fitness test — ended Swindon Town 1, Alan Shearer 2, Blackburn Rovers 3. Hence the grin. Shearer passed with flying colours. If he is not yet the forward that last played for England 11 months ago, scoring in a 4-0 defeat of Turkey at Wembley, at least he is getting there.

Having scored two goals, one in the last minute, and made another, Shearer knew he had a convincing case: "I haven't lost my touch, I still have my self-belief and I have scored two late goals in the last two games, which proves I can keep plugging away. I just hope he [Taylor] stayed to see my second goal." He did.

But Kenny Dalglish, the Blackburn manager, was more circumspect and he was probably right to be. Shearer was good, very good, but neat, honest, over-generous Swindon offered him the perfect opportunity to impress. With his first meaningful touch; he scored. Impressive, but easy.

Warhurst then exited stage left, carried off with a suspected broken leg. On a normal day, his departure, five games after a £2.7 million move from Sheffield Wednesday, would have made headlines. On Saturday, it was simply a footnote to The Alan Shearer Story. So was Taylor's first-half equaliser.

Having scored once, Shearer could afford to stand perfectly still throughout the second half and remain the star — and, to a point, he did, letting others chase his flicks and passes. Ripley reached one to make it 2-1, Gallacher reached the others and should have had a hat-trick.

Only when Gallacher left early did Shearer run much himself and, with a minute left, he harried Nijholt, broke and rounded Digby to score his second. It was Shearer in a nutshell, not especially quick, but strong, direct and deadly. Lest anybody should forget, the Dutch defenders are not very quick either.

SWINDON TOWN (4-4-2): F Digby — L Nijholt, T Fenwick, S Taylor, P Bodin — N Summerbee (sub: R MacLaren, 71min), M Hazard, J Moncur, M Ling — A Mutch, S White (sub: J A Fjorlott, 71).
BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): R Mimms — H Berg, D May, K Moran, G Le Saux — S Ripley, T Sherwood, P Warhurst (sub: N Marker, 26), J Wilcox — A Shearer, F Gallacher (sub: P Atkins, 76)
Referee: D Frampton.

Liverpool stumble over Arsenal's lack of ambition

Rob Hughes survives a trip into the void at Anfield, the result of one team's inability to find form and another's policy to stifle play

NO WONDER the pretenders to Manchester United's crown are already falling away. The 42,750 spectators at Anfield on Saturday, an act of faith if ever there was one, might have been more aroused had they attended a trappist monastery.

Liverpool tried but could not score in their fifth consecutive League match. Arsenal came, yet again, simply to nullify. It was gentlemanly of the Gunners not to do as everyone else does, hit Liverpool while they are down.

United's 3-2 win at Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday is the sum goal total of Arsenal's five performances away from home: they have conceded two goals and confined themselves to scoring three; even poor Swindon have scored more than that on their travels.

"We are tired," the Arsenal manager, George Graham, pleaded, referring to the fact that his team have played five games in 15 days. Tired? It is we, Mr Graham, who are fatigued.

In away games this season, Arsenal have contained the opposition with three different negative styles: at Tottenham, they matched the midfield diamond with an aggressive diamond of their own; at Old Trafford, they played five across the back; and at Anfield they deployed Jensen to smother Clough, withdrew everyone bar Ian Wright behind the ball and, at one stage, Graham was bellowing on the touchline for even Wright to get back behind a Liverpool free kick.

That Liverpool could do nothing about it speaks volumes for what is happening to them. They drew the biggest crowd of the day and bored them with the only goalless display in the FA Carling Premiership.

Jan Molby, one injured Liverpool absentee who might have made a greater fist of things in midfield, unwittingly gave the game away with his comment to Liverpool's City FM radio listeners. After 20 minutes, he observed: "I don't know whether Arsenal haven't started playing, or Liverpool's playing reasonably well today. Our passing is not as crisp as it was earlier in the season, but it's not going to be when you have lost five of your last six League games."

Oh dear. Graeme Souness is trying to tell us that there is no crisis of confidence at Liverpool. Over, once again, to the broadcaster, Molby: "Arsenal look very predictable to me, they don't seem to have much movement when they are in possession, but this is not a game about performance, it's all about three points."

Liverpool's latest tactical approach is to replicate the diamond formation, a curious compliment to Tottenham since Souness, after the London club had won at Anfield, raged: "I can't believe we've lost to a five-a-side team."

The pity is that, against Arsenal, Liverpool looked the better team without proving it so. Hutchison and Redknapp, playing on the sides of their midfield, are the youth and vigour that was missing while Souness clung to older players. Alas, Hutchison's late, perceptive runs into scoring positions were betrayed by anxious attempts at finishing.

Rush, meanwhile, was hobbled by wretched service and Wright had no genuine chances. It was left to the inexperienced to try to win the points. Robbie Fowler, at 18 a proven striker who has scored freely for the England youth team, is a Liverpudlian born and bred who is going to excite Anfield.

This was his first-team debut and he created three chances. In the 66th minute, when the subdued Clough provided a rapier pass, Fowler was through one-on-one against Seaman. The England goalkeeper stood his ground, intimidating the teenager and when Fowler hastily attempted his shot, Seaman got down to block it. Seaman repeated the excercise twice more.

However, late on, as usual, Arsenal contrived opportunities to steal a win: after a miscued header by Linighan, Merson, literally on his knees, slipped at the moment he might have connected with McGoldrick's cross. The chance went begging.

LIVERPOOL (4-1-2-1-2): B Grobbelaar — R Jones, M Wright, N Ruddock, J Dicks — P Stewart — J Redknapp, D Hutchison — N Clough — I Rush, R Fowler.
ARSENAL (4-3-2-1): D Seaman — L Dixon, A Adams, A Linighan, N Winterburn — E McGoldrick, J Jensen, P Davis — K Campbell, P Merson — I Wright
Referee: G Ashby.

IAN STEWART



Teddy Sheringham, the Tottenham striker, at full stretch during his side's 3-2 triumph over Everton at White Hart Lane yesterday. Tottenham won with two goals in the last three minutes. Report, page 21

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Manchester Utd	10	25	+14	WLWWW
2	Arsenal	10	20	+6	DWLWD
3	Leeds	10	19	+4	WWWWW
4	Norwich	10	18	+8	DLDWW
5	Tottenham	10	18	+7	DDWDW
6	Blackburn	10	18	+4	DWLDW
7	Newcastle	10	16	+5	DWDWW
8	Aston Villa	10	16	+3	WDWDL
9	Wimbledon	10	16	0	WWWDL
10	Everton	10	15	-1	LWWLL
11	Coventry	10	14	+2	WDWLL
12	QPR	10	14	-1	WLDDW
13	Liverpool	10	13	+5	LLLLD
14	Chelsea	10	13	+1	DWDWL
15	Ipswich	10	12	-4	DLLDL
16	Manchester City	9	11	+1	DWWLW
17	West Ham	10	11	-7	LDWLW
18	Sheffield Utd	10	9	-5	LDLLD
19	Sheffield Wed	10	7	-6	DLWDL
20	Oldham	9	6	-10	DLLLD
21	Southampton	10	4	-8	LLLLD
22	Swindon	10	3	-18	LDDLL

Weekly change: Up — Stayed the same — Down

Keegan bridges credibility gap

Russell Kempson on how Newcastle United's manager is rapidly gaining recognition as a contender for the leading job in the country

MEMBERSHIP of the Kevin Keegan for England lobby, previously restricted to those with raging nostalgia or with a Tyneside postcode, is spreading. Keegan, little big man, saviour of St James' Park, is becoming a national celebrity, with national credibility, all over again. History is repeating itself.

As a player, Keegan enthralled crowds across the land with his infectious enthusiasm. Though never a natural talent, energy and graft earned him the affection of millions and 63 England caps. Now, as a manager, he is moving swiftly into international contention. No longer is it simply Geordie cult status.

On Saturday, his Newcastle United side provided further exciting evidence that they are bona fide players in the FA Carling Premiership. The first division champions last season, still regarded by many as upstarts among the élite, defeated Aston Villa, the Premier League runners-up last season, 2-0 at Villa Park. That Villa, victors in the Uefa Cup three days earlier, were outmanoeuvred at every turn bears testimony to Newcastle's growing maturity.

Nine matches unbeaten, a first away win of the season and a top ten place, plus an addition to the tally of Andy Cole, the Premiership's leading goalscorer, had Keegan purring with satisfaction: "If ever there was any more proof needed that we belong in this league, then we had it in abundance today," he said. "I've always wanted to have a team as good as our supporters and we're now getting very close to it."

Talk of Keegan for England remains premature. If the Dutch are mastered in Rotterdam and San Marino slaughtered, Graham Taylor will be acclaimed all the way to the World Cup finals. But should Holland prevail, Taylor's position becomes untenable. Suitable replacements are few and far between.

Enter Keegan, 42, in his first managerial post but rapidly learning a precarious trade after rescuing Newcastle from the brink of the old third division when he took over in February 1992. "Kevin would make a natural successor," Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, said during the pre-match build-up to Saturday.

Atkinson was less complimentary after Villa's undefeated run of eight matches had shuddered to a halt, an Allen penalty and Cole's eleventh goal of the season adding second-half realism to a blank interval scoreline. Atkinson preferred to crucify his own players. "Shambles, joke, disgrace, embarrassment." Vicious but fair.

Were he not locked in anguish, he might have praised Venison's tenacity, Beardsley's guile, the strength of Cole or the alertness of Lee. Newcastle have arrived: the Keegan lobby no longer a parochial fantasy.

ASTON VILLA (4-3-3): N Spink — N Cox, P McGrath, S Teale, S Staunton — K Richardson, G Cowans (sub: R Houghton, 64min), A Townsend — D Saunders, D Atkinson, G Whitlingham (sub: A Daley 56)
NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): M Hooper — S Watson, B Venison, K Scott, J Beresford — R Lee, P Bracewell, L Clark, M Allen — A Cole, P Beardsley.
Referee: P Durkin.

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Dated 23rd day of September 1993
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors will be held at 18 Cavendish Square, London W1M 9DA on 6th October 1993 at 11.30 am in the forenoon for the purposes mentioned in Section 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Christopher Clay Adams of C.G. Adams Associates, 15 Cavendish Square, London W1M 9DA is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the Company who will, during the period before the day of the Meeting, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
By Order of the Board
Margaret Wheelehan,
John Wheelehan (Directors).

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Dated 30 September 1993
By Order of the Board
John Andrews, Director.

The Insolvency Act 1986
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Dated this 27th September 1993
C.H. WHITTOME, Liquidator

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Date: 24 September 1993
M.E. Mills, Joint Liquidator
Note: This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full

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Hoddle's revolutionaries fire blanks

Oliver Holt watches West Ham eke out an unexpected win against a Chelsea team with sharp ideas but no cutting edge

THE mood at Upton Park is decidedly downbeat these days. With candour, if not a pleasing turn of phrase, Billy Bonds admitted before the match that, despite his team's lowly position, "we are in fact a point better off than what we could fairly have expected." The latest issue of one of the plethora of home fanzines headlined itself unequivocally the "Desperation Special".

Like the rest of us, it seems Bonds had been hoodwinked by Chelsea's recent run of seven unbeaten games and cowed by the deference surrounding Glenn Hoddle's attempt to introduce a sweeper system to English football: they expected more from the visitors and were grateful to get less.

Perhaps it was something to do with the sodden pitch, which on the flanks made remaining upright — let alone running with the ball — something of a lottery; but the visitors, as Hoddle admitted afterwards, were "never at the races".

Only after their captain, Dennis Wise, was sent off on the stroke of half-time for a two-footed lunge at Burrows — a touch of continuity for loyal Hammers fans denied the disciplinary aberrations of Julian Dicks — and Hoddle pushed up into midfield, did they threaten to loosen the home side's grip on the game.

To criticise Hoddle smacks of wanton idol-smashing and to condemn his bold experiment with the much-vaunted diamond formation leaves the critic open to a charge of sacrilege, but the suspicion remains that if his system is not flawed, then the personnel he has to operate it are — and in that number he must include himself.

Operating now as a *libero*, rather than in the central midfield role where he won 55 caps for England, Hoddle's defensive flaws were exposed. Too often he was caught out of position, balls over the top of the defence exposing his lack of pace even when he was standing off the West Ham forwards. Morley and Chapman.

More importantly, his players' respect for him tends to result in his being fed the ball. The result is that much of Chelsea's attacking play is launched with a long, raking pass from deep within their own half, rather than by working a move through midfield.

There must still be a place for Hoddle's exquisite touches, unparalleled vision and penetrating passes — but surely as a deep-lying midfielder. On Saturday, in the week before his 36th birthday, shoulders hunched, head hung, he looked more like a fish out of water than the bold purveyor of a footballing revolution.

Chelsea lost because of their formation's deficiencies: Wise did not seem to know whether he was playing as an orthodox mid-fielder or just behind the front two and Sinclair, the West London club's most effective defender, finished the game on the right wing.

In the first half in particular, West Ham were authoritative in defence and dominated midfield. Bishop produced intermittent impersonations of Hoddle in his prime, Marsh added a touch of the terrier and Holmes caused constant problems down the left.

It was from his pass, a minute before Wise's dismissal, that Morley controlled the ball neatly on the edge of the area and lashed an unstoppable shot past Kharine for West Ham's winner.

WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-2): L Miklosko — T Breacker, S Potts, A Gale, D Burrows — M Holmes, M Marsh (sub: M Allen, 75min), I Bishop, P Butler — L Chapman, T Morley
CHELSEA (5-3-2): D Kharine — S Clarke (sub: G Hall, 81), F Sinclair, G Hoddle, J Hjoldberg, A Dow (sub: J Spencer, 70) — M Donaghy, D Wise, E Newton — G Peacock, N Shipperley
Referee: R Hart

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McFarland enjoys flying start as Derby manager

Derby County 5
West Bromwich Albion .. 3

By Peter Ball

DERBY County gave Roy McFarland an eventful introduction to his second spell as the club's manager following Arthur Cox's unexpected resignation on Saturday. Yesterday's win took them to seventh place in the first division, with a game in hand over three of the clubs above them.

"It's a start," McFarland said,"but I'm sad at the circumstances regarding Arthur. I've worked with him since 1984." Cox's future was on the line, with promotion a requirement after the expenditure of £12 million, but with Derby on the fringe of the leading pack, his departure had not been expected, though he had been laid up for some weeks with a bad back.

When Derby raised the tempo after a flat opening, they — and notably the quick, lively Kitson up front — immediately looked the more menacing side, yet though West Bromwich had less of the game, with their more precise style, they enjoyed the two best chances of the first half. Both fell to Taylor at either end of the half, but a free header from Parsley's cross flew wide and a shot in the dying moments of the first half beat both Taylor and the post.

West Brom were to rue those misses after the interval. Kitson broke the deadlock, turning his man as Pembridge's cross reached him and sweeping the ball past Lange to start an avalanche of eight goals in 25 minutes. Three minutes later, Kitson released Gabbiadini and his cross-shot floated over Lange, Simpson applying a finishing touch.

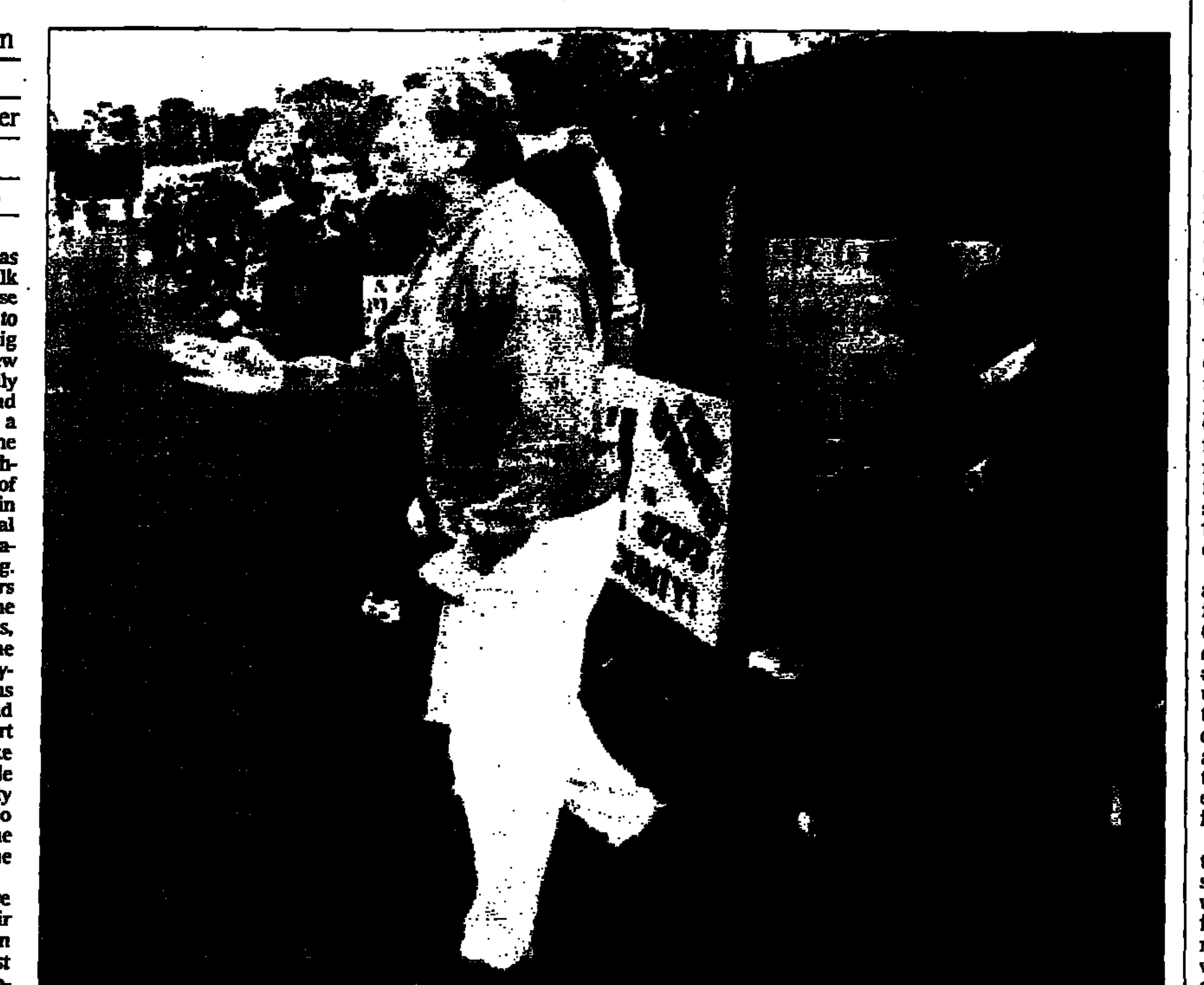
Before Derby could take stock, Albion were back in the game as Martin Taylor palmed out Hamilton's header and his namesake scored simply, his fiftieth goal in 88 games. Then Simpson drove his cross against Parsley's hand, and the referee awarded a penalty, Pembridge scoring. Derby went three ahead when Simpson won the race to a rebound after Lange parried Pembridge's drive.

Albion responded admirably, Hunt scoring twice, the first with a spectacular bicycle kick, the second with a chip past Charles after sidestepping Taylor, but it was McFarland's day, and fittingly a Derby centre-half had the last word, Short prodding home a loose ball.

DERBY COUNTY (4-4-2): M Taylor — G Charles, C Short, D Wassall, M Forsyth — M Pembridge, M Kuhl, P Williams (sub: J Harkes, 89min), P Simpson — P Kitson, M Gabbiadini (sub: T Johnson, 81).
WEST BROMWICH ALBION (4-1-2-1-2): A Lange — N Parsley, D Burgess, P Raven, K Ampadu — D Bradley — K O'Regan, I Hamilton — M Mellon — A Hunt, R Taylor.
Referee: R Poulain.

Barnwell follows road to recovery

Andrew Longmore on the challenge facing Northampton's manager as he seeks to revive a club in receivership



Barnwell makes a point during his first home match in charge of Northampton. Photograph: James Morgan

THE drinks cupboard was bare and there was no milk for the tea, but even those reminders of reality failed to spoil the day. "It was a big 1-0," John Barnwell, the new manager, said. It could easily have been a big 4-0 or, had luck turned the other way, a rather small 1-1. But when the whistle finally blew on Northampton Town's first win of the season, gained by Martin Aldridge's first-half goal against Darlington, the elation was robust and touching.

Players hugged, supporters roared as if celebrating the title itself. In these parts, success is measured from the bottom not the top. Ninety-first in the league means anonymity and bliss; 92nd ignominy and despair. Apart from minor matters like money and survival, pride was at stake at the County Ground on Saturday. "No one wants to be bottom of the league," Steve Sherwood, the goalkeeper, said.

Now Darlington have claimed that distinction, their manager, Billy McEwan, on public display as the most inept in the league, his patchwork third division team of short-termers and free transfers held up to ridicule as the worst in the land. "All games are important, some are vital," Barnwell said. "This was vital." Not least for Barnwell, who needed to leave an immediate mark in his first home game as manager.

However slender the margin, victory has given him breathing space until next Saturday, which constitutes long-term vision for a club afflicted by myopia. "The result helps everyone, gives them hope. The supporters have become used to disappointment so when there are crumbs of joy they really go for them. We have got to build on that," Barnwell said. Though a seasoned traveller in football's wilderness, Barnwell faces a challenge which extends beyond even his experience of survival.

Even if money was available, the man who once did £3 million pounds worth of business in one day as manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers cannot strengthen his team because of a transfer embargo imposed by the league. His masters are a firm of insolvency experts in Birmingham, brought in to administer the club when it went into receivership last year and, after years of being downtrodden, the Cobblers have developed such an affection for disaster that framed newspaper headlines advertising life on the brink hang from the walls of the supporters' club. "Is this the end?" asked the front page of the *Chronicle and Echo* of March 25, 1992. Not quite, as it turned out.

But when he wakes this morning, Barnwell will still have to bear the legacy of present debt and past incompetence. "The atmosphere was almost too nice here. People have become resigned to their fate and set their standards too low."

Phil Chard, sacked as player-manager the previous week, was made the man of the match for the way he marshalled the defence, but was still so upset he did not feel inclined to accept his award.

At least receivership has brought some semblance of financial stability. Players get paid on time, even if they have to buy their boots out of their own pocket, and the prospect of a new council-owned stadium promises a brighter future. "The players are a lot happier than they were, but they all know the position," Sherwood said. So does Barnwell. "Our Becher's Brook is to stay in the league. Ninety-first would be success." A big 1-0 indeed.

NORTHAMPTON TOWN (4-4-2): S Sherwood — M Parsons, S Terry, P Chard, K Gillard (sub: J Burnham, 77min) — L Phillips, D Harmon, S Brown, M Bell — M Aldridge, I Gilzean.
DARLINGTON (4-4-2): D Collier — J Joyce, L Madden (sub: S Gregan, 45), M Sunley, G Switzer — G Himsworth, N McNab, S Gaughan, L Pearson (sub: S Shaw, 70) — R Painter, G Chapman.
Referee: M Pierce (Drayton).

Fry shows signs of prospering in calmer waters

Keith Pike discovers that Southend United's manager is enjoying his partnership with an enlightened chairman but still has much to do

THERE is a touch more grey around the temples, a few more pounds on the waistline and a matching mellowness in his voice. It seemed for a while on Saturday that Barry Fry had finally got Barnet out of his system. Almost, but not quite.

More than an hour had passed before Fry, having seen his Southend United team beaten 2-1 at home by Tranmere Rovers, enquired how his former club had got on. The news that Barnet have now lost ten out of ten in the League prompted a look to the heavens and an expression of genuine concern. The addiction may have eased, but the withdrawal symptoms persist.

Perhaps they always will. Fry devoted 13 years to transforming Barnet from non-league non-entities to a Football League force — he even named one of his children, Amber, after the club's colours — and their current plight, as well as the manner of his departure, clearly still rankles. Yet his enthusiasm, his occasionally outrageous optimism and self-belief, have, if anything, blossomed in the calmer waters at Roots Hall.

Fry's relationship with Stan Flashman, his former chairman at Underhill, was the stuff of nightmares. A home defeat would, as often as not, result in public recriminations. On Saturday, it merited only sympathy and encouragement from Vic Jobson. Like Flashman, Jobson is a forceful, larger-than-life character. Unlike him, he seems to have complete faith in his manager's ability.

So, the wheeling and dealing goes on. Southend, by Fry's reckoning, are the worst-supported team in the first division and pay the lowest wages. Since his arrival in March, relegation has been avoided, a dozen players have come and gone and the money from Stan Collymore's £2 million-plus move to Nottingham Forest spent not on personnel but on Southend's training ground.

Whatever Southend achieve under him, Fry insists, will be done with style. On Saturday, they were too square and cumbersome in defence to resist an impressive Tranmere side that capitalised with goals from Kenworthy and Muir, but never did Southend resort to the vindictive kick or the big boot upfield. Given a glimmer of hope by Higgins's late own goal, they went down playing, not fighting.

Fry's "burning ambition" remains to manage a Premiership club. "My record is pretty good," he said. "I am surprised nobody has taken a gamble on me, but if they won't, then I'll just have to take a team up there." Only then will he be truly able to put Barnet behind him.

SOUTHEND UNITED (4-4-2): P Sansome — G Poole, D Howell, G Bressington, C Powell — A Ansah, K Jones, D Payne (sub. A Edwards, 69min), R Otto — J Allon (sub: J Martin, 40), T Mooney.
TRANMERE ROVERS (4-4-2): E Nixon — T Thomas, D Higgins, S Garnett, I Nolan — J Kenworthy, D Martindale, G Brannan, P Nevin — C Malkin, I Muir.
Referee: R Wiseman.

Argument for elite league undermined

RODDY FORSYTH



Scottish commentary

IRONY, that close cousin of absurdity, is rarely absent when football administrators devise a new scheme for the furtherance of their own interests or, as they would prefer to call it, the good of the game. The Champions League is a case in point.

It was almost entirely devised by one man, Campbell Ogilvie, the enterprising secretary of Rangers. At first, he proposed that the European Cup should have a league format from the first round of matches, but many objectors felt that the tournament should retain its reputation as the most attractive club knockout competition in the world.

Ogilvie, however, was also acutely aware that revenue from a successful European Cup run could double a club's domestic income but could also be cut off at source by an unkind draw. So he produced the formula of a seeded all-in draw for the first two rounds and then a league format of two sections, the winner of each group contesting the final.

Uefa will probably modify this so that the winner of each section will play the runners-up in the other group in semi-finals to keep interest alive for more competitors, but few would argue that the Champions League is not an improvement on the old straight knockout format.

So Ogilvie's foresight has been spectacularly vindicated. But here is where irony emerges to mock some of the assumptions which were part of the baggage of the Champions League.

Incited by Silvio Berlusconi, of Milan, who was supported by Bernard Tapie, of Marseilles, and David Murray, of Rangers, there were many in the game who predicted that here was the first step towards a European super league, a permanent combination of the continent's giants. Yet the evidence of the Champions League now points in the opposite direction.

None of the eight clubs which took part in the inaugural Champions League in 1991-2 succeeded in reaching last season's group stages and, of the eight who competed in 1992-3 — FC Bruges, CSKA Moscow, IFK Gothenburg, Marseilles, AC Milan, PSV Eindhoven, FC Porto and Rangers — only Milan and Porto can qualify this year. The idea that there is value in a closed, self-perpetuating elite could hardly have been more effectively undermined.

To change tack somewhat radically, there is quite a distance between Marseilles and Gala Fairydean and it is not to be measured only in miles. What these clubs have had in common in recent years is a profound desire to establish themselves in a higher realm.

For Gala, the future beckons in the shape of membership of the Scottish League. As is well known, the Scottish League reorganises itself as frequently as the Italian government, but next year it will not only reconstruct but expand its membership in an attempt to settle on the elusive formula for stability. This is another paradox because, in proportion to its population, Scotland already has too many senior league clubs.

If the same ratio operated in England and Wales, there would be a combined total of 380 clubs in the FA Carling Premiership and Endsleigh Insurance League instead of 92. However, there is a certain sense in adding two members to make up four divisions of ten teams because the Scottish League needs a better geographical balance.

An application from Inverness is virtually certain to succeed and Inverness Caledonian and Inverness Thistle, both of the Highland League, have made a joint application under the name of Inverness United. Unfortunately, this is a misnomer because disaffected Caley supporters have forced a special general meeting in an attempt to halt the merger.

If they succeed, the Inverness application will be invalid and a vibrant, growing town of 60,000 people will be denied Scottish League football.

Clachnacuddin, the third team in Inverness, devoutly hope that the Inverness United bid succeeds, thereby removing, at one stroke, two important rivals from the Highland League.

Clach have also calculated that their prospects would be even brighter if the Scottish League accepts the applications of either Ross County or Elgin City.

Gala Fairydean, meanwhile, have submitted a thoroughly professional study which claims that their Borders catchment area has a population of 130,000.

So what kind of crowds do they suppose they will attract? Why, an average of 600. The Gala chairman, Matt Hall, believes his club will bring a "breath of fresh air" to the Scottish League. He should not be surprised if it is mingled with the laughter of disbelieving outsiders.

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Carling Premiership

A VILLA (0) 0 NEWCASTLE (0) 2
Allen 46 (pen), Cole 80
37,336

LEEDS (2) 4 WIMBLEDON (0) 0
Speed 2, 90; McAllister 18, 81
30,020

LIVERPOOL (0) 0 ARSENAL (0) 0
42,750

NORWICH (1) 1 COVENTRY (0) 0
Fox 45
16,239

QPR (0) 3 IPSWICH (0) 0
White 57, 62, Barker 65
12,292

SHEFFIELD W (0) 2 MAN UTD (0) 3
Bart-Williams 47, Bright 86; Hughes 50, 66, Giggs 71
34,548

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 SHEFFIELD U (0) 3
Monkou 28, Maddison 53, Kenna 77; Falconer 72, Flo 81, 89
11,619

SWINDON (1) 1 BLACKBURN (1) 3
Taylor 32; Shearer 15, 89, Ripley 51
15,224

WEST HAM (1) 1 CHELSEA (0) 0
Morley 43
18,917

Yesterday

TOTTENHAM (0) 3 EVERTON (1) 2
Sheringham 58, Anderton 88, Caskey 90; Rideout 16, Cottee 67 (pen)
27,487

		Home					Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Man Utd	10	4	1	0	12	3	4	0	1	10	5	25
2 Arsenal	10	4	0	1	9	4	2	2	1	3	2	20
3 Leeds	10	4	0	1	8	5	2	1	2	6	5	19
4 Norwich	10	2	1	2	2	3	3	2	0	17	8	18
5 Tottenham	10	3	1	1	10	4	2	2	1	7	6	18
6 Blackburn	10	1	2	2	5	7	4	1	0	9	3	18
7 Newcastle	10	3	1	1	8	4	1	3	1	7	6	16
8 Aston Villa	10	2	1	2	6	5	2	3	0	6	4	16
9 Wimbledon	10	2	3	0	6	4	2	1	2	5	7	16
10 Everton	10	3	0	2	8	8	2	0	3	5	6	15
11 Coventry	10	2	2	1	5	5	1	3	1	7	5	14
12 QPR	10	3	1	1	10	7	1	1	3	6	10	14
13 Liverpool	10	2	1	2	5	3	2	0	3	8	5	13
14 Chelsea	10	3	1	1	5	3	0	3	2	3	5	13
15 Ipswich	10	2	2	1	6	5	1	1	3	4	9	12
16 Man City	9	1	2	1	5	4	2	0	3	4	4	11
17 West Ham	10	2	1	2	3	6	1	1	3	3	7	11
18 Sheff Utd	10	2	2	1	8	6	0	1	4	7	14	9
19 Sheff Wed	10	1	2	2	7	7	0	2	3	4	10	7
20 Oldham	9	0	3	2	5	9	1	0	3	1	7	6
21 Soton	10	1	1	3	9	11	0	0	5	1	7	4
22 Swindon	10	0	1	4	4	14	0	2	3	4	12	3

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 0 St Albans 1, Carshalton 2 Harrow 1; Dulwich 2 Grays 3; Enfield 3 Kingstonian 0; Hendon 1 Stevenage Borough 2, Hitchin 5 Aylesbury 1, Marlow 2 Dorking 1, Wivenhoe 3 Wokingham 2. First division: Abingdon Town 0 Billericay 3, Berkhamsted 0 Tooting and Mitcham 4; Bishops Stortford 3 Ruislip Manor 0; Boreham Wood 0 Bognor Regis 0, Chalfont St Peter 1 Purfleet 2; Maidenhead 0 Uxbridge 0; Worthing 3 Barking 0 Second division: Barton 2 Hungerford 0; Chertsey 4 Banstead Athletic 0: Edgware 1 Metropolitan Police 3, Saffron Walden 7 Lewes 1 Third division: Oxford City 4 Northwood 4; Tring 0 Harefield 2. *All other matches postponed.*
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Brigg 2 North Ferriby 0.
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Burscough 4 Flixton 0: Eastwood Hanley 2 Atherton LR 1, Newcastle Town 1 Kidsgrove Athletic 1.
SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Lensbury 4 Carshalton 2; Crouch End Vampires 1 West Wickham 1, Kew Assoc 3 Ibis 1: Barclays 3 Royal Bank Scotland 1. *All other matches postponed.*

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

BRISTOL C (1) 2 BOLTON (0) 0
Allison 15, Scott 76
7,704

C PALACE (3) 4 STOKE (0) 1
Southgate 24, Salako 31, 45, 80; Stein 75
12,880

LEICESTER (1) 3 NOTTS CO (2) 2
Speedie 18, 89, Thompson 73 (pen); Draper 28 (pen), McSwegan 36
16,319

LUTON (2) 5 BARNSLEY (0) 0
Hartson 28, Oakes 40, 88, James 60, Houghton 84
6,201

MIDDLESBRO (1) 2 BIRMINGHAM (0) 2
Hendrie 12, Moore 89; Peschisolido 67, 74
13,801

MILLWALL (2) 4 WATFORD (0) 1
Goodman 6, 14, 74, Roberts 70; Nogan 82
7,707

NOTTM FOR (0) 1 PORTSMOUTH (0) 1
Stone 89; Powell 72
20,727

OXFORD UTD (0) 2 GRIMSBY (1) 2
Magilton 87 (pen), Ford 89; Jemson 22, Childs 89
4,301

SOUTHEND (0) 1 TRANMERE (1) 2
Higgins 80 (og); Kenworthy 16, Muir 50
5,860

SUNDERLAND (1) 2 PETERBORO (0) 0
Gray 45, Owers 78
17,846

WOLVES (0) 1 CHARLTON (0) 1
Keen 60; Chapple 88
18,907

Yesterday

DERBY (0) 5 WEST BROM (0) 3
Kitson 48, Simpson 51, 64, Pembridge 56 (pen), Short 74; Taylor 53, Hunt 66, 69
13,370

		Home					Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 C Palace	9	4	1	0	12	2	2	1	1	8	5	20
2 Tranmere	10	4	0	1	10	5	2	2	1	5	5	20
3 Leicester	9	3	1	0	10	4	3	0	2	6	5	19
4 Middlesbro	10	2	2	1	8	4	3	1	1	11	7	18
5 Charlton	10	3	2	0	7	1	1	3	1	5	8	17
6 Southend	9	2	1	1	6	3	2	1	2	9	7	14
7 Derby	9	4	0	0	13	3	0	2	3	2	11	14
8 Grimsby	10	1	4	0	5	3	1	3	1	10	11	13
9 Wolves	10	2	2	1	7	6	1	1	3	6	8	12
10 Watford	9	2	2	1	7	8	1	1	2	7	10	12
11 Millwall	9	2	1	1	7	5	1	2	2	2	7	12
12 Birmingham	9	1	3	1	9	8	1	2	1	6	6	11
13 Stoke	9	1	0	3	3	5	2	2	1	10	11	11
14 Portsmouth	10	2	2	1	7	6	0	3	2	6	11	11
15 Bristol C	9	3	1	1	7	4	0	1	3	3	8	11
16 Bolton	8	2	1	1	7	6	1	1	2	2	5	11
17 Notts Co	8	3	0	1	8	4	0	1	3	5	10	10
18 Barnsley	10	1	1	3	5	9	2	0	3	6	11	10
19 Nottm For	9	1	2	1	9	8	1	1	3	6	9	9
20 West Brom	9	2	2	1	10	10	0	1	3	4	8	9
21 Luton	9	2	0	2	8	5	0	2	2	2	5	8
22 Peterboro	9	2	2	1	9	5	0	0	4	1	9	8
23 Sunderland	8	2	1	1	8	4	0	1	3	1	8	8
24 Oxford Utd	8	2	1	1	11	9	0	0	4	2	9	7

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Inter Cardiff 3 Cwmbran 0
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 1 Ballymena 2; Ballyclare 1 Linfield 2, Carrick 2 Distillery 2; Cliftonville 0 Larne 1; Coleraine 0 Crusaders 2; Glentoran 0 Glenavon 1, Newry 1 Omagh Town 2; Portadown 2 Bangor 0.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Portsmouth 2 Tottenham 1.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley 1 Bishop Auckland 2; Boston 4 Fleetwood 1; Chorley 1 Bridlington Town 2; Colwyn Bay 1 Gainsborough 2; Droylsden 2 Matlock 4; Emley 2 Winsford 0; Frickley 5 Horwich 2; Whitley Bay 1 Buxton 0. First division: Alfreton 2 Spennymoor 2, Eastwood Town 1 Caernarfon 1; Goole 0 Ashton United 1; Harrogate 0 Bamber Bridge 4; Workington 5 Congleton 2.
President's Cup: First round: Barrow 3 Warrington 1; Curzon Ashton 0 Morecambe 3; Gretna 0 Leek 0; Hyde 3 Knowsley 1; Marine 1 Guiseley 1.

Second division

BARNET (0) 1 BRISTOL R (0) 2
Haag 80; Browning 54, Taylor 88
3,158

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 STOCKPORT (1) 1
Cotterill 76; Francis 23
4,274

BRIGHTON (0) 0 EXETER (0) 0
5,230

BURNLEY (1) 2 HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
Eyres 35, Heath 74
9,532

CAMBRIDGE U (0) 1 BRENTFORD (1) 1
Claridge 84 (pen); Benjamin 10
3,612

FULHAM (1) 2 L ORIENT (1) 3
Farrell 31, Brazil 88; Putney 43, Hendon 51, 69
4,417

HULL (2) 3 BRADFORD (1) 1
Windass 1, Abbott 22 (pen), Brown 67; McCarthy 11
9,492

PLYMOUTH (1) 2 HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0
Castle 13, Trevitt 75 (og)
6,646

PORT VALE (0) 3 WREXHAM (0) 0
Kerr 46, Cross 47, 48
8,722

ROTHERHAM (0) 0 BLACKPOOL (0) 2
Bonner 78, Watson 86
3,770

YORK (3) 5 CARDIFF (0) 0
Brazil 1 (og), Cooper 17, Swann 39, Barnes 81, McCarthy 88
3,762

		Home					Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Hull	10	4	1	0	11	4	3	1	1	11	11	23
2 Stockport	10	5	0	0	12	3	2	2	1	7	6	23
3 Reading	10	4	1	0	13	6	2	1	2	10	7	20
4 Plymouth	10	4	0	1	13	6	2	1	2	9	9	19
5 York	10	3	1	1	11	4	3	0	2	6	6	19
6 Blackpool	10	4	1	0	9	4	2	0	3	8	9	19
7 Bristol Rov	10	3	1	1	8	4	2	1	2	5	6	17
8 Burnley	10	5	0	0	14	3	0	0	5	5	11	15
9 Port Vale	10	3	2	0	14	4	1	1	3	4	8	15
10 Leyton O	10	3	0	2	9	7	2	0	3	6	11	15
11 Exeter	10	3	1	1	11	5	1	2	2	3	9	15
12 Bournemouth	9	2	2	1	7	5	2	1	1	5	4	15
13 Bradford	10	4	0	1	14	5	0	2	3	4	11	14
14 Swansea	10	3	1	1	7	3	1	1	3	3	6	14
15 Rotherham	10	2	1	2	8	8	1	2	2	6	9	12
16 Wrexham	10	3	1	1	15	8	0	1	4	1	12	11
17 Cambridge	10	2	1	2	9	8	1	1	3	6	11	11
18 Hartlepool	10	2	1	2	4	4	1	1	3	4	7	11
19 Brighton	10	1	3	1	5	6	1	1	3	6	11	10
20 Cardiff	9	1	1	2	9	9	1	2	2	7	11	9
21 Huddersfld	10	1	2	2	3	6	1	1	3	8	9	9
22 Brentford	10	2	1	2	5	5	0	2	3	3	7	9
23 Fulham	10	0	2	3	4	8	2	0	3	5	8	8
24 Barnet	10	0	0	5	3	9	0	0	5	4	21	0

Third division

BURY (1) 2 MANSFIELD (1) 2
Carter 28, 80; Reed 4, Stringfellow 75
2,317

CARLISLE (0) 1 GILLINGHAM (0) 2
Valentine 82; Forster 73, 84
6,449

CHESTERFIELD (0) 2 WYCOMBE (1) 3
Morris 53, Turnbull 90 (pen); Scott 10, 51, Evans 77
2,956

CREWE (2) 2 LINCOLN (1) 2
Rowbotham 23, Brown 38 (og); Clarke 30, Brown 76
3,361

DONCASTER (1) 2 ROCHDALE (1) 1
Roche 40, Jones 56; Lancaster 44
3,103

NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 DARLINGTON (0) 0
Aldridge 32
2,153

PRESTON (0) 1 COLCHESTER (0) 0
Ellis 73
6,412

SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 SCARBORO (1) 1
Thompstone 19; Calvert 18
2,910

SHREWSBURY (0) 3 TORQUAY (1) 2
Kelly 71 (og), Spink 80, Summerfield 88; Foster 40, O'Riordan 82
2,725

WALSALL (0) 3 HEREFORD (0) 3
Lightbourne 58, Wright 75, 84; Fry 50, Hall 72, Morris 90
3,725

WIGAN (3) 6 CHESTER (1) 3
Johnson 31, McKearney 33, Gavin 38, Gillespie 69, 74, Rennie 86; Leonard 39 (pen), Wheeler 56, 59
1,889

		Home					Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Preston	9	4	0	1	13	5	2	1	1	11	9	19
2 Rochdale	9	4	0	1	13	3	2	1	1	8	5	19
3 Crewe	9	4	1	0	11	7	1	2	1	7	6	18
4 Wycombe	9	2	1	1	5	8	3	2	0	12	9	18
5 Scunthorpe	9	1	2	1	5	5	3	1	1	5	1	15
6 Colchester	9	3	1	1	13	11	1	1	2	9	8	14
7 Torquay	9	1	4	0	12	11	2	1	1	8	7	14
8 Shrewsbury	9	2	1	1	7	6	2	1	2	9	11	14
9 Mansfield	8	2	1	1	4	3	2	1	1	6	4	14
10 Doncaster	9	2	1	1	5	3	2	1	2	4	5	14
11 Walsall	9	0	3	2	7	9	3	1	0	4	1	13
12 Wigan	9	1	1	2	8	8	2	1	2	6	8	11
13 Scarborough	9	0	0	4	4	11	3	2	0	8	4	11
14 Gillingham	9	1	3	1	5	6	1	2	1	5	7	11
15 Carlisle	9	1	1	2	6	5	1	3	1	5	3	10
16 Chester	9	1	1	2	3	4	2	0	3	7	9	10
17 Lincoln	9	1	2	2	7	11	1	1	2	4	5	9
18 Hereford	9	1	1	3	8	8	1	1	2	6	9	8
19 Chesterfield	9	1	1	3	6	8	1	0	3	4	11	7
20 Bury	9	1	2	1	4	4	0	2	3	5	11	7
21 Northampton	8	1	0	2	1	3	0	2	3	7	11	5
22 Darlington	9	0	2	3	2	7	0	2	2	3	5	4

GM Vauxhall Conference

ALTRINCHAM (0) 1 DAGENHAM & RED (2) 2
Richards 61; De Souza 17, 31
641

BATH (0) 0 KETTERING (1) 3
Brown 11, Martin 66, Roderick 73
864

BROMSGROVE (1) 1 WELLING (0) 1
Carter 27; White 90
751

DOVER (1) 1 WITTON (0) 0
Browne 20
1,583

GATESHEAD (0) 0 SLOUGH (0) 0
618

HALIFAX (4) 6 TELFORD (0) 0
Peake 13, Patterson 21, 25, 81 (pen), Saunders 31, 89
1,118

MACCLESFIELD (0) 0 SOUTHPORT (1) 1
Walmsley 17
1,002

NORTHWICH (0) 1 YEOVIL (0) 1
O'Connor 50 (pen); Ferns 47
939

RUNCORN (0) 1 STALYBRIDGE (0) 1
Thomas 53 (pen); Kirkham 61 (pen)
712

STAFFORD (1) 2 KIDDRMNSTR (1) 3
Berry 33, Wood 77; Davies 15, Purdie 64, Cartwright 86
1,187

		Home					Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Dover	8	5	0	0	13	2	1	0	2	3	3	18
2 Slough	10	4	0	0	11	2	1	3	2	2	3	18
3 Kettering	9	1	3	0	3	2	3	2	0	7	1	17
4 Bath	10	2	2	2	12	8	2	2	0	7	2	16
5 Yeovil	11	3	1	1	8	2	1	3	2	9	13	16
6 Stafford	10	4	0	1	14	6	0	3	2	5	9	15
7 Welling	9	2	1	1	5	5	2	2	1	4	2	15
8 Runcorn	9	3	1	1	12	6	0	4	0	6	6	14
9 Southport	10	1	3	1	6	6	2	2	1	9	7	14
10 Dag & Red	8	3	1	0	10	5	1	0	3	3	8	13
11 Kiddermnstr	10	3	1	1	4	2	1	0	4	4	12	13
12 Witton	10	3	1	1	9	6	0	2	3	2	6	12
13 Halifax	9	1	4	0	8	2	1	1	2	8	11	11
14 Northwich	7	1	3	0	4	3	1	1	1	3	4	10
15 Altrincham	9	1	2	2	2	4	1	1	2	3	4	9
16 Stalybridge	7	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	1	2	3	7
17 Merthyr	8	0	4	0	4	4	0	3	1	3	5	7
18 Macclesfield	9	2	1	2	7	8	0	0	4	2	14	7
19 Bromsgrove	8	0	3	2	6	8	1	0	2	6	9	6
20 Gateshead	8	0	2	1	2	4	1	1	3	6	9	6
21 Woking	8	1	1	2	6	9	0	2	2	0	8	6
22 Telford	7	0	2	1	4	5	1	0	3	5	13	5

Scottish League

Premier division

CELTIC (0) 0 KILMARNOCK (0) 0
23,396

DUNDEE (1) 2 HEARTS (0) 0
Paterson 21, Dragutin 52
5,021

HIBERNIAN (1) 2 DUNDEE UTD (0) 0
Jackson 44, 67
7,586

MOTHERWELL (0) 0 ABERDEEN (0) 0
8,597

PARTICK (3) 4 ST JOHNSTN (1) 1
Grant 6, 29, 38, Taylor 88; Davies 14
3,909

RAITH (1) 1 RANGERS (1) 1
McStay 29; Hetherston 13 (og)
8,500

		Home					Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Aberdeen	9	3	1	0	7	1	1	3	1	4	4	12
2 Hibernian	9	3	1	0	6	1	1	2	2	6	6	11
3 Motherwell	9	2	2	0	8	3	2	1	2	3	5	11
4 Kilmarnock	9	2	2	1	5	3	2	1	1	3	2	11
5 Rangers	9	2	1	1	6	5	1	3	1	4	5	10
6 Dundee Utd	9	1	3	0	2	1	1	3	1	5	6	10
7 Celtic	9	0	4	1	2	3	2	1	1	7	4	9
8 Hearts	9	4	0	1	5	2	0	1	3	1	6	9
9 St Johnstone	9	2	1	2	8	7	0	3	1	2	5	8
10 Partick	9	2	0	2	6	4	0	3	2	5	8	7
11 Raith	9	0	4	1	6	9	1	0	3	3	9	6
12 Dundee	9	1	2	2	5	5	0	0	4	1	6	4

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ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Second round: Rhayader 1 Flint 6; Morda 1 Conwy 0; Penycae 1 Holywell 5; Lex XI 3 Llanfairpwll 4; Welshpool 4 Rhydymwyn 3; Mostyn 1 Ruthin 0; Cefn Druids 0 Mold Alexandra 0; Llangefni 1 Brymbo 1; Cemo 6 Chirk AAA 0; Aberaman 1 Ton Pentre 2; Skewen 3 Port Talbot 2; Ferndale 0 Treowen Stars 0; Taffs Well 1 Merthyr Tydfil 7; Afan Lido 5 BP Llandarcy 2.
GERMAN LEAGUE: VfB Stuttgart 0 Eintracht Frankfurt 2; Bayer Leverkusen 4 Nuremberg 0; SC Freiburg 3 Schalke 04 1; Bayern Munich 4 SV Hamburg 0; VfB Leipzig 1 Borussia Mönchengladbach 1.

First division

AIRDRIE (0) 1 AYR (0) 1
Kirkwood 74; McGlashan 70
2,200

BRECHIN (0) 0 FALKIRK (0) 0
1,530

CLYDE (2) 3 STIRLING (0) 0
Knox 5, Parks 41, Thomson 55
959

CLYDEBANK (1) 1 ST MIRREN (0) 1
Flannigan 30; Lavety 51
2,251

DUNFERMLINE (0) 4 DUMBARTON (1) 1
Smith 48, O'Boyle 52, McCathie 56, Laing 78; Martin 5
2,941

MORTON (1) 1 HAMILTON (0) 2
Tolmie 4; Clark 58, Ward 81
1,517

		Home					Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Clydebank	11	3	1	1	8	4	5	0	1	16	5	17
2 Airdrie	11	5	1	0	13	4	3	0	2	7	6	17
3 Falkirk	11	4	0	2	9	8	3	2	0	10	2	16
4 Dunfermline	11	3	0	2	14	9	2	1	3	7	7	11
5 Ayr	11	1	2	2	5	8	3	1	2	6	4	11
6 Stirling Alb.	11	4	0	1	8	4	1	1	4	7	13	11
7 Clyde	11	3	1	2	8	5	1	0	4	4	9	9
8 Dumbarton	11	2	1	3	6	6	2	0	3	6	9	9
9 St Mirren	11	2	1	3	8	8	1	2	2	5	7	9
10 Hamilton	11	1	2	2	5	7	2	1	3	5	11	9
11 Morton	11	2	1	2	9	11	0	2	4	5	15	7
12 Brechin	11	2	1	3	4	6	0	1	4	2	7	6

Second division

ALLOA (0) 1 MEADOWBANK (0) 0
Newbigging 59 (pen)
446

ARBROATH (1) 2 COWDENBEATH (0) 2
Martin 14, Diver 87; Herd 88, Hunter 90
594

E FIFE (2) 3 FORFAR (1) 2
Scott 18, Andrew 25, Williamson 58; Downie 5, Donaldson 54
662

E STIRLING (1) 1 ALBION (1) 4
Russell 17; Russell 16 (og), Scott 59 (pen), 61, 82
343

QUEEN OF S (1) 1 MONTROSE (0) 0
Thomson 30
1,009

QUEEN'S PK (0) 0 STRANRAER (0) 0
568

STENHSMUIR (2) 2 BERWICK (0) 1
Irvine 2, 18; Banks 89
352

		Home					Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Queen of S	9	3	0	2	11	4	3	1	0	10	4	13
2 Meadowbank	9	2	1	1	6	4	4	0	1	6	2	13
3 Stenhsmuir	9	3	2	0	9	4	2	0	2	4	7	12
4 Stranraer	9	3	0	1	10	6	2	1	2	4	3	11
5 E Fife	9	3	0	2	10	6	2	0	2	5	6	10
6 Montrose	9	1	1	1	2	3	3	1	2	10	8	10
7 Alloa	9	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	5	5	10
8 Forfar	9	1	2	2	6	6	2	1	1	8	5	9
9 Berwick	9	2	1	1	4	2	1	2	2	6	7	9
10 Albion Rov	9	1	1	2	4	5	2	1	2	7	7	8
11 Cowdenbth	9	0	0	4	3	7	2	2	1	7	8	6
12 Arbroath	9	1	2	2	8	10	0	1	3	1	7	5
13 Queen's Park	9	2	1	2	7	9	0	0	4	2	11	5
14 E Stirling	9	1	0	4	6	11	1	1	2	2	8	5

SPANISH LEAGUE: Atlético Madrid 0 *Real Madrid 0.*

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	3	2	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	3	2	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½

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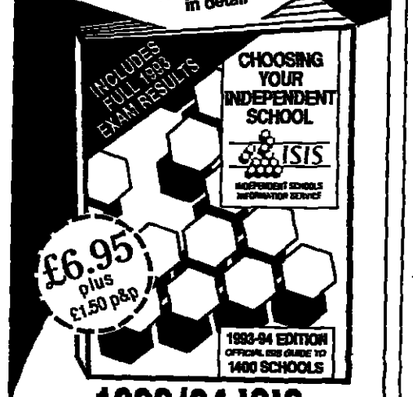
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EDUCATION



JOEL CHANT

Steve Smith, the deputy head, chats with pupils at Deacon's School, Peterborough, which wants to become a technology college

The concept of the city technology college is to be reformed, writes **Ben Preston**

Let's start the revolution once again

John Patten, the education secretary, aims to break the iron law of Hollywood sequels by ensuring that the second wave of specialist technology schools is cheaper and more successful than the first.

The new breed of schools was introduced by Kenneth Baker, then education secretary, at the Conservative party conference in 1986. At least 20 "beacons of excellence" were to be harbingers of nothing less than a cultural revolution: funded mostly by industry, they would break the monolith of local authority control, revitalise schools throughout Britain's inner cities and bring employers into the "secret garden" of education.

Seven years on, the story of city technology colleges is one of faded dreams. Although some colleges have proved popular with parents, the initiative has left no imprint on a system of 4,000 state secondaries. Optimism drained away in the face of political trench warfare with councils. Sponsors were scared off and targets missed. Only 15 CTCs were set up and the Treasury had to bail out the initiative with £120 million for new premises.

Last week, Mr Patten unveiled plans for a network of technology colleges. The mechanics of the scheme are modest compared with the original. Schools need only £50,000 to £100,000 from industrial sponsors before qualifying for government grants. None will be purpose-built. Mr Patten avoided precise financial commitments, saying only that *up to* £25 million would be available each year. In the short term, the scheme is likely to cost less than the one it replaces, which allowed all state schools to bid for capital allocations to upgrade technology facilities. However, the accompanying rhetoric was ambitious. Mr Patten suggested that the new colleges specialising in science, mathematics and technology would herald the end of the "monochrome" comprehensive. He predicted the establishment of several hundred colleges by 1996.

Mr Patten has the benefit of tilling more fertile soil than Mr Baker. There is a gathering consensus that "something must be done" about science and technology in schools.

Yet, already, the initiative appears troubled. The CTC Trust, the group behind the programme, argued long and hard with Mr Patten that all state schools should be eligible for the new scheme. It wanted to avoid a repeat of the bitter political battles that stunted the 15 pioneers. Mr Patten rejected this advice; he preferred to tie the new project umbilically to the government's controversial drive to persuade schools to opt out. Only voluntary-aided schools and those prepared to become grant-maintained can become technology colleges and apply for grants of about £200,000 for new laboratories and equipment, plus £70,000 for up to seven years to cover increased running costs and extra staff.

Any hope of building real support beyond Conservative ranks was shattered by this decision to exclude three-quarters of state secondaries. Already, some blue-chip companies are ignoring Mr Patten's sponsorship pleas and continuing with their own more broadly based schemes.

Sir Cyril Taylor, the trust chairman, will try to persuade opposition politicians and teaching unions that technology colleges serve the national interest. Forty-eight schools have expressed serious interest and he expects 20 to be ready for approval in January.

Sir Cyril is coy about sponsors. After months of lobbying business leaders, there are firm offers for about 15 schools, some still awaiting approval from company boards. The companies that have made a public commitment are mainly CTC stalwarts such as Dixons and ADT.

On the ground, there is caution about what can be expected of sponsors while the economy is stagnant. Deacon's School, a mixed grant-maintained comprehensive in Peterborough, hopes its record of forging links with industry and injecting a strong vocational element into its curriculum will put it at the top of the queue for new status. The school used classroom labour to build a social centre under the supervision of professional builders and architects. Steve Smith, deputy headteacher, says that his school's application will depend on how the education department interprets the sponsorship requirement. He says that help from industry comes more easily "in kind" than in cash. While enthused by the prospect of becoming a technology college, Mr Smith recognises the problems. A new ethos is sweeping state education, he says: competition rather than collaboration between schools. "This 'bid-for' culture is going to be divisive ... I hope people understand that this will bring a net benefit and that children will benefit."

Time to nurture the talents of tomorrow

The government says state schools should have policies for gifted children. But what use are policies without resources?

VIEWPOINT

Government ministers have recommended that all state schools should inform parents, via their prospectuses, about their policies for bright/able pupils. This is seen as a breakthrough in the campaign for the needs of the most able children to be recognised. As a mother of such a child I fear this announcement will raise false hopes among many parents.

Earlier this year, (*The Times*, Education, August 9), I described the anguish suffered by my young son, still only five-and-a-half, and the agony of my family as we battled to find help. The headmaster quoted in my article as saying "... no state system can cater for a child of this ability level ..." has a school prospectus which still claims that "... gifted children will be stretched within the curriculum". When I asked about his understanding of a gifted five-year-old, I was advised: "In this catchment area a gifted five-year-old is a child who can talk, count up to ten and recognise five primary colours."

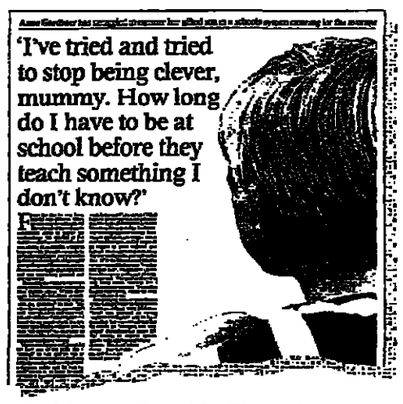
That is why the education system is a lottery for children with special talents. The 1944 Education Act was "... to afford for all pupils, opportunities for education offering such variety of instruction and training as may be desirable in view of their different ages, abilities and aptitudes ..." Yet this act was never fully implemented, for there is still no national provision for the intellectually gifted: the only group of children who do not have their potential met as of right. As a consequence neither the teachers, the allied professionals nor the various health professionals are trained to identify these children, most of whom can be picked out long before reaching statutory school age.

Few LEAs make any provision for their most able students. Others tinker with the idea by providing pilot studies in a few schools. This limited provision is usually targeted at the secondary school age children. But by the time many of these youngsters reach 11, they will have totally "switched off", having decided years earlier that schools had nothing to offer. Others will have become so disruptive that they will have been removed, often to be despatched to "schools for emotionally and behaviourally disturbed children".

This is why almost 50 per cent of those children, born with the greatest potential of all, leave school with no qualifications and often no future. Alarming numbers turn to crime or suicide, convinced that society has always rejected them. The cost of this human misery cannot be measured. The loss to this country in human resource — our greatest asset — is a national scandal.

Academically gifted children at primary schools usually find that they are one of a kind and are, therefore, peerless within that limited world. They are forced to remain with their "peer group" without support, which means nothing more than being in the same age group. Schools are the only place where children are restricted by age alone and it is only there that gifted children are viewed as a drain on resources rather than an asset.

These children need provision from the day they start school — usually just before they are five. The success of such young, vulnerable children often rests on the goodwill of individual teachers. Unless there is a "whole school" policy which is geared to individual needs, disaster will always remain just around the corner. Experts continue to emphasise the need for early identification. Given that there is no school provision for the majority of our most able children I would question the wisdom of this. For many this simply means their trauma begins sooner rather than later. Now that the schools are embracing a market economy, provision for most of these children will remain non-existent.



Daniel's story, from *The Times* of August 9

Every LEA should employ a trained specialist who could visit both schools and parents and thus develop an individual learning programme for the child. Supplemented by a nationally resourced teacher training programme, and much-needed input for student teachers, we could begin to see some progress and stop this unnecessary suffering. Failing to provide resources is short-sighted and deprives this country of the benefit of these children. All they need is a little respect, support and nurturing.

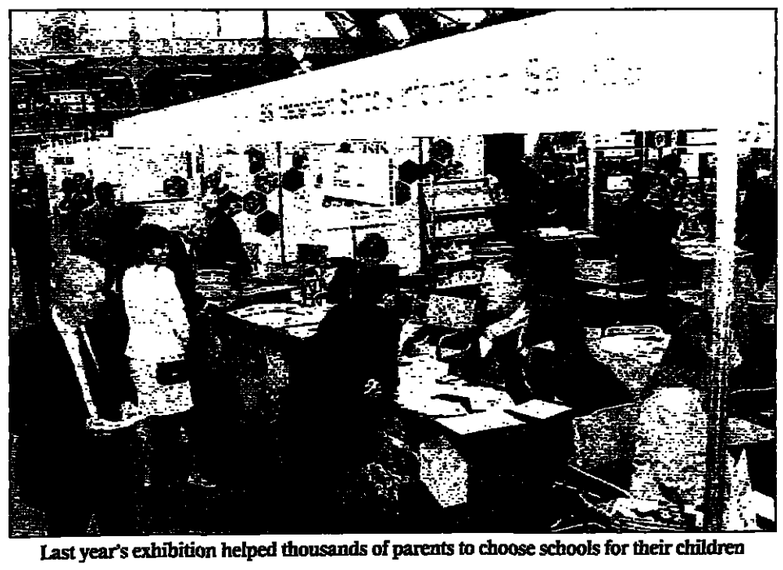
Without the resources needed for a national teacher training programme combined with adequate funds for its implementation, a policy for gifted children, written in a school's prospectus, can be little more than words on a page, as I have discovered to my sorrow.

ANNE GARDINER

● *The author's name has been changed.*

The independent approach

More than 6,000 people are expected to visit the Independent Education show in London



Last year's exhibition helped thousands of parents to choose schools for their children

Any suggestion that the recession has done lasting damage to the demand for independent education should be disproved at the sector's biggest exhibition of the year, which takes place in central London this week.

Double last year's number of visitors are expected at Independent Education '93, which is part-sponsored by *The Times*. More than 6,000 people are likely to visit the Business Design Centre, just off Upper Street in Islington, north London, during the three days of the show.

The increased interest comes as no surprise to many head teachers, who have seen confidence creep back into the sector after a period in which even parents in affluent areas have been switching their children to state schools. Although accurate national figures will not be available until late this year, several independent schools have been reporting higher intakes this autumn.

Dick Davison, the spokesman for Isis, the Independent Schools Information Service, says: "There definitely is a bit more spring in people's step this year.

"I would not want to make rash predictions, but we have thought throughout the recession that it is remarkable how relatively slight the effect has been on the independent sector, compared with its effect on other small businesses."

Even the boarding schools, which have been the worst hit, are staging something of a recovery. Although numbers are still dropping in many schools, some have found themselves full for the first time in several years.

Many were preparing for another difficult year, and have been pleasantly surprised by the uptake of places.

The recovery appears to be taking place across the age range. Prep schools, which had found it particularly difficult to fill boarding places, are making the same optimistic noises as their senior counterparts.

Independent Education '93, which runs from the afternoon of October 8 until the evening of October 10, will provide an early indication of whether the recovery is to be sustained. The exhibition has been running since 1988, always with about 3,000 visitors. The level of enquiries this year suggests a big increase.

Tricia Neill, the exhibition manager, says: "We are certainly hoping for 6,000 visitors this time. More and more parents are worried about the quality of their children's education, and this year's show has a number of new features that they should welcome.

"There is nowhere else they will be able to talk face to face with head teachers of so many schools in a single day. The exhibition can take a lot of the preparatory work out of selecting the right school."

New features include a special pavilion devoted to the London day schools and nursery schools, a number of which exhibited for the first time last year.

Head teachers from the six greater London regions will take turns to staff an enquiry desk, and Isis regional representatives will also offer advice on selecting a school.

Some schools outside the capital are also pooling their resources this year. Sherborne School, St Antony's-Leweston and Sherborne School for Girls are sharing a stand, for example, building on a close relationship between the three. Many other well-known schools will be exhibiting, including Clifton College, Dulwich College, Haileybury, Millfield, Roedean and Uppingham. Among the other exhibitors will be nursery schools, companies that specialise in fee planning, examination boards and Acorn Computers.

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More than 250 schools and related organisations are taking part in the exhibition, including a number catering for special needs such as dyslexia. The show comes in the middle of a two-week campaign to raise public awareness about the handicap. Special needs will be one of the topics discussed in the seminar programme, which runs throughout the three days. Others include planning for school fees, assisted places, the choice between single-sex and co-education, entry procedures and sport in independent education.

Conscious of the attention given elsewhere to academic results and league tables of schools, the organisers have placed more emphasis this year on non-academic pursuits.

Several schools have contributed to an art exhibition and a programme of music recitals, which will also run on all three days.

The sports seminars, which are another innovation, will feature appearances from two rugby union internationals who are now working in independent schools: David Duckham, of Bloxham School, and Terry Cobner, of Oundle. One of the seminars will be chaired by Chris Saunders, the new headmaster of Lancing College and a school representative on the council of the Football Association.

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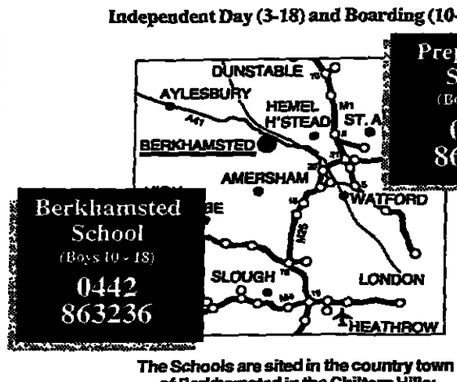
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Sixth Form Awards and Places for September 1994

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Up to four awards are offered to boys taking GCSE in the summer of 1994. Awards have a maximum value of half the full fee, but additional financial assistance may be available to award winners on a means tested basis. Examinations for both awards and places will be held on 4th and 5th February 1994.

For application forms and further details please contact the Headmaster's Secretary, Winchester College, College Street, Winchester, SO23 9NA. Tel: 0962 854328 Fax: 0962 842972. *The closing date for applications is 1st December 1993*

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The British international (HMC) boarding school in the Swiss Alps for 280 boys and girls invites applications from candidates with excellent academic credentials for scholarships to be awarded in September 1994 for Junior (11-12 years), Middle School (13-14 years) and Sixth Form entry.

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For details write to:

Head of Admissions
Aiglon College, Ref E
1885 Chesières-Villars, Switzerland
Tel: 41 25-35 27 21 Fax: 41 25-35 28 21
Telex: 456211 ACOL CH

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ADMISSION OF SIXTH FORM GIRLS - SCHOLARSHIPS and PLACES

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Awards are offered on ACADEMIC MERIT, and for MUSIC or ART.

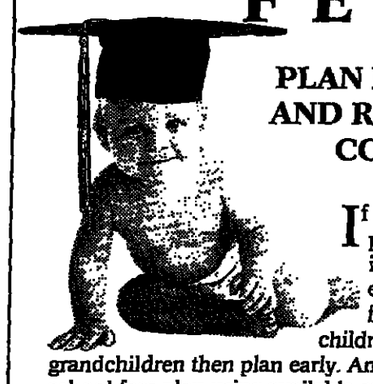
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Please come and meet us at 'Independent Education '93' on Stand M66.

Candidates should apply by 20th October 1993. Prospectus and further details can be obtained from the Head Master's Secretary (Tel: 0273 452213), who will be pleased to arrange a visit to the College.

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Scholarships are also available in Art and in Design Technology.

For further details of the examinations and scholarships and for other information about Sixth Form entry, apply to the Registrar, Uppingham School, Rutland, LE15 9QE. The closing date for entry for the examinations is 25 October 1993.

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OPEN DAYS: Tuesday 5th October
Friday 19th November

6th FORM EVENING: Tuesday 12th October

Further details and prospectus from the Admissions Secretary
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FURTHER INFORMATION?

A Dollar Academy prospectus will be sent on request. Full details on the Academy, on Bursaries, on Assisted places and on Boarding accommodation will be included.

Please write to: The Registrar
Dollar Academy
Dollar, FK14 7DU
Telephone: 0259 742511
Fax: 0259 742867

Prospective parents are warmly invited to visit the Academy by appointment.

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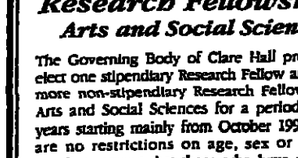
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RESEARCH POSTS

CLARE HALL

Betty Behrens Research Fellowship

The Governing body of Clare Hall proposes to elect one Betty Behrens Research Fellow in the general area of social studies for a period of three years, beginning 1 October 1994. The Fellowship was funded to encourage research in those fields which study the interaction between social and psycological factors as they effect the fulfilment of individual potential (which may include, but not be restricted to, social psychology, psychiatry, sociology, race and gender studies, criminology).

There is no restriction on age, sex, or previous standing, except that candidates may not already have held a Research Fellowship at a Cambridge college; some preference may be given to candidates who are at a fairly early stage of their research career. The stipend will be £9771 in the first instance, together with a living out allowance and optional membership of the Universities' Superannuation Scheme. The Fellowship is not renewable.

Application forms and further details, including the precise terms of the benefaction, may be obtained (written requests only, with a s.a.e.) from the College Secretary, Clare Hall, Herschel Road, Cambridge CB3 9AL. The closing date for receipt of applications is 1 December 1993; candidates are responsible for ensuring that three referees write directly to the College by that date.

FELLOWSHIPS

KEBLE COLLEGE OXFORD

Official Fellowship and Tutorship in Jurisprudence

The College proposes to elect a Tutorial Fellow in Jurisprudence with effect from 1 October, 1994. The title of University Lecturer (CUF) will be conferred upon the holder of the Fellowship: the full stipend associated with such a Lectureship will be met by the College. It is expected that the title will at a later date be converted into a stipendiary University post.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Warden, Keble College, Oxford OX1 3PG to whom applications should be submitted not later than 30 November, 1993.

FELLOWSHIPS

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Further information may be obtained from the Principal's Secretary, Jesus College, Oxford OX1 3DW, who should receive applications by 12 November 1993. It is the responsibility of applicants to ask their referees (three are required) to send their references direct to the Principal's Secretary by the same date.

(2) Junior Research Fellow in Biological / Medical Sciences 1994-95

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Further information may be obtained from the Principal's Secretary, Jesus College, Oxford OX1 3DW, who should receive applications by 12 November 1993. It is the responsibility of applicants to ask their referees (three are required) to send their references direct to the Principal's Secretary by the same date.

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CLARE HALL

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The Governing Body of Clare Hall proposes to elect one stipendiary Research Fellow and two or more non-stipendiary Research Fellows in the Arts and Social Sciences for a period of three years starting mainly from October 1994. There are no restrictions on age, sex or previous standing, except that those who have previously held College Research Fellowships in Oxford or Cambridge are not eligible. The closing date for the receipt of applications and references is Wednesday, 1 December 1993. Candidates are responsible for seeing that curriculum vitae and references reach the College by this date.

Application forms to be obtained (written requests only, stamped addressed envelope required) from: The College Secretary, Clare Hall, Herschel Road, Cambridge CB3 9AL, UK.

Candidates will be asked on their applications to state whether, in the event of their not being elected to the stipendiary fellowship, they would be willing to accept a non-stipendiary fellowship; before elections to such a fellowship, candidates would need to demonstrate to the Committee that they will have financial support from other sources.

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(a) to foster contact with industry, commerce and the professions.

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(b) to foster and encourage the participation of women in academic study.

Applicants must have either a proven academic standing and appropriate achievement in research and scholarship, or have attained professional standing in industry, business, government service, the professions or the arts.

During the year each Visiting Professor will be required to spend the equivalent of at least one month in an appropriate school or department of the University, contributing to research and/or teaching. Award-holders, who will normally be on paid leave from their employers, will receive an honorarium of £1,600, inclusive of travel and maintenance costs.

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Further information and application forms are available from the Academic Council Office, The Queen's University of Belfast BT7 1NN Northern Ireland ((0232) 245133 ext 3006). Applicants should specify which Visiting Professorship they wish to apply for.

Closing date for applications: 15 November 1993.

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Dogged Hare's anatomy of Britain

THEATRE: David Hare's trilogy on the Church, the Law and the Labour Party is now complete. **Benedict Nightingale** saw the first performance

A mere marathon stretches for 26 miles and takes a good runner two-odd hours to complete. The Harathon is a much more daunting haul. On Saturday it started at 10.30 am, ended at 10.30 pm, and covered some knotty terrain. The morning was spent crisscrossing parish churches, vicarages and a bishop's palace. Then it was off to a prison, a copshop, and the lawcourts for a long, gruelling afternoon. As for the evening, that was the most challenging of all. The House of Commons, Television Centre, the hustings in Manchester, Labour Party headquarters in London: by the time the Harathon was over, it seemed that half Britain had been exhaustively and exhaustingly traversed.

And so it had. Whatever the objections to David Hare's trilogy, and they are not a few, its scope and ambition are scarcely in doubt. Whatever the evils about Richard Eyre's productions of *Racing Demon*, *Murmuring Judges* and the new *Absence of War*, they are a collective credit to his theatre. Never has the National justified its grandiose name more thoroughly. The Hare-Eyre axis has in effect transformed the theatre into a forum where national institutions — the Church, the Law, Her Majesty's Opposition — are being articulately examined.

What does the three plays' simultaneous appearance in the National's repertory show they have in common? A crusading radicalism and, at times, a maddening priggishness. A deft humour and a weakness for moralising caricature. A preoccupation with the complexities of idealism and realism, conscience and compromise. A concern for the poor and weak and a suspicion of the powerful. A dislike of privilege that, so it seems, is almost invariably embodied by one actor. Pity Richard Pasco, obliged as he is to play first a vindictive right-wing bishop, then a conceited and callous QC, and finally the serpentine Shadow Chancellor who helps lose Labour yet another general election.

Still, he plays them superbly. He brings class and energy to Hare's attack on what he sees as a clubbish, slippery establishment, not least in *The Absence of War*, which sets Pasco's Malcolm Pryce against the equally excellent John Thaw, playing George Jones, leader of the People's Party. Why does the latter flounder in what is, I have to say, an exaggeratedly hostile interview by a crude parody of Robin Day at his most peremptory? Why, because the ambitious Pryce has been sneaking embarrassing secrets to the inquisitor over lunch at, inevitably, the Garrick Club.

> 'Never has the National justified its name more thoroughly'

At this point I had better answer an obvious question. It has been reported both that Hare shadowed Neil Kinnock during the 1992 election and that the Labour Party is offended by his use of that experience. Does this mean that Pryce is to be equated with John Smith, or Jones with Kinnock, or anyone with anybody? Whatever the parallels, that would be far too literal-minded. Research has been transmuted into what is (always excepting that television interview) a fiction plausible enough to grip those of us who are not political insiders — and, after a laborious introductory scene, lively enough to keep us gripped.

Just as the party is hiring itself a new PR expert, word comes to Jones's office (parliamentary back-projections plus heavy brown furniture) that the Tories are using a sterling crisis to call an election. The polls look good for Labour, but soon falter, thanks mainly to the leader himself. Kinnock-style, he has made the party more disciplined and electable, but is himself regarded as a liability. He is actually tough, humorous, energetic, honest, and much else besides: or so Thaw's warm, bustling performance suggests. But he is variously thought to be downbeat, incoherent, stupid and too much of a culture-vulture, out of touch with the people.

What is to be done? When he ditches a set speech, and tries to recapture the spontaneity that made him famous, the result is disastrous. He has become terminally trapped by those who have tried to shave and smooth his image. In Hare's view, so has the Labour Party. It has lost its identity and its convictions; it has substituted the word "fairness" for "justice" in its lexicon; it might almost be a conclave of mildly liberal Tories, minus the financial know-how.

Hare's analysis already looks dated, and not only because of his nostalgia for socialism. Where nowadays are the party loyalty and the reputation for fiscal responsibility that his characters so envy in the Conservatives? Is Labour really the bunch of losers he seems to think? Yet at the play's core is a telling contradiction. By conscientiously preparing his party for power, Jones has betrayed himself. He has created an institution that prevents him saying what he feels about defence, Ulster, and "a country spavined with ancestor-worship". The party he is handing over to his bland successor — a moment of real anguish from Thaw here — is one he half-despises.

To call this paradox tragic would, however, be overdoing it. Hare's human portraiture does not go that deep in *Absence of War* or, for that matter, the other plays. Why should it, when it is the institutions — their troubles, their inadequacies, the variety of opinion to be found in them — that matter? *Racing Demon* is still the better of the two. The play may see what is, after all, a spiritual body too much in social terms; but it gets a fine performance from Oliver Ford Davies as a flustered, woebegone vicar dedicated to good works, and another from Adam Kotz as a curate aggressively exuding born-again faith. The strength and commitment of Eyre's company — Michael Bryant, Barbara Leigh-Hunt and Paul Moriarty, too — are never in question.

Murmuring Judges has had minor adjustments to its plot — that slick detective is now threatening to plant plastic explosive, not cocaine, on the villains — but a second viewing confirms my first findings. The policemen and warders doomed to do society's dirty work are treated with a generosity surprising from a left-leaning playwright: but the silks and judges, smirkingly swigging champers while a hapless con festers in gaol, are still too extravagantly guyed. The morally superior woman barrister from Antigua might be Hare in drag and grates badly on the nerves. For all its verve, the play is too obviously didactic, and sometimes left me feeling that Hare, like the detective he primly condemns, is fiddling with his evidence.

Yet the overall achievement is considerable. What other dramatist is inspecting the inner workings of our country at all, let alone doing so in such a determined, systematic way? On Saturday, the Harathon left me as shattered as it did its participants; but I must confess it worth the watching.



The Absence of War: Oliver Dix (Oliver Ford Davies), Lindsay Fontaine (Clare Higgins) and George Jones (John Thaw), drawn by Bill Hewison

Choreography, cut-ups and a cardboard queen

Troilus and Cressida
Contact Theatre, Manchester

Jatinder Verma, artistic director of the Asian company Tara Arts, is fearless in his approach to Shakespeare. Movement is highly choreographed, in the tradition of Indian theatre. Moreover, he cuts and re-orders the text, casts a man as Cressida, and has black actors "whiting up" to act the Greeks. Meanwhile, Patroclus is, literally, a part for a stick. Achilles fawns over this long shaft with a head on it, straddling Patroclus like a hobby-horse.

Verma, according to the production notes, correlates Troy with the multi-racial societies of modern Britain or Bosnia, and the Greeks with an all-white "Blacks Out!" culture. This production opens with Elizabeth I (a cardboard cut-out) reading her proclamation expelling "negroes and blackmoors" in 1601 during England's war with ethnically mixed Spain.

Frankly, the pairing of this "Blacks Out!" issue with this particular play — albeit written in 1602 — does not seem especially fruitful or clearly followed through in production. Still, this ancient tale of cousins at war and private lovers split by inter-tribal hatred succeeds as an image of today's eastern Europe.

The technical alterations are sometimes clumsy. The opening scene where Pandarus is established as Troilus's go-between is re-positioned after the now bemusing exchange where Pandarus scoffs at the other warriors Cressida watches parading by. Verma also excises Cressida's cheeky responses in this dialogue, thus reducing the sexual savvy, the fight and the anti-romanticism seeded, from the start, in Shakespeare.

Accents cause problems in a couple of cases. Philippe Cherbonnier's Pandarus burbles in nigh-indecipherable Franglais. There are too many stilted performances, but Yogesh Bhatt, while satirising coyly flirtatious femininity, also plays Cressida with very real love and suffering. He turns the play into her tragedy more painfully than many actresses I have seen.

Much of the delivery is monotonous or irons out character: Thersites is curiously nicely spoken and Ajax is hardly dunderheaded. Nevertheless, Verma's ritualistic stylisation does occasionally work magnificently.

The battle scenes thrill without a single blow being struck. Driven by an exhilarating, menacing drum-beat, the combatants leap into a hoop of steel, fighting to the death simply by striking out frenetic, aggressive rhythms on the ground with staves of reverberating bamboo. The ensnaring and vicious slaying of Hector is translated into a nirvana-like vision: the warrior, all in white, sits cross-legged encircled by a ring of flames. Above all, there is Nirmal Chandra Pandey's haunting singing, like a mournful folksong or prayer from a minaret. The music evokes the world of long ago and far away and fills scenes with infinite sadness.

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Tamburlaine
Grand, Leeds

If only it were possible to write exclusively about three-and-a-half hours of matchless dramatic music — which is what Handel's *Tamerlano* is, even with regrettable but I suppose necessary cuts — and ignore Philip Prowse's production, but it is too obtrusive, too "critical" of this great work. At least The Bomb has been expunged since it was new in 1982, but not the tableau of victims tending someone dying presumably of radiation sickness downstage centre, exactly where the singers should be standing in eyeball-to-eyeball communication with the audience. Instead the soloists have to step gingerly around them, or kick them out of the way, or generally molest them for the whole evening, and too often sing their arias way upstage from a spot that happens to be acoustically dead.

The cast assembled by Opera North, surely the strongest yet for this mysteriously long-lived production, is far too good to be compromised in this way. Philip Langridge sings Bajazet with hair-raising intensity, especially the death scene, which in its seamless mixture of aria, arioso and recitative remains one of the most astonishing pieces of operatic composition, not just pre-Mozart, but ever. Maybe Langridge is encouraged to be too dotty as the unbending father-figure, as though the qualities of stoicism, pride and paternal love cannot be taken at face value today, and this results in occasionally bumpy passage-work. But his is a performance to treasure.

The outstanding Australian counter-tenor Graham Pushee makes a long overdue British debut as Andronico. His highly individual tone is attractively grainy and resinous in the middle, and grows sweeter, fuller and purer the higher he goes — and he goes very high indeed. His singing of the magnificent aria that ends the first act was six minutes of operatic paradise.

Christopher Robson's tone, in nice contrast, is softer-grained, less incisive; he suffered most from being placed upstage, and the title role doesn't lie easily for him (too low). His freaky portrayal was disturbingly similar to some of his recent Handel villains: he is too valuable an artist to be allowed to settle for caricature, and Tamerlano is more complex than what we saw.

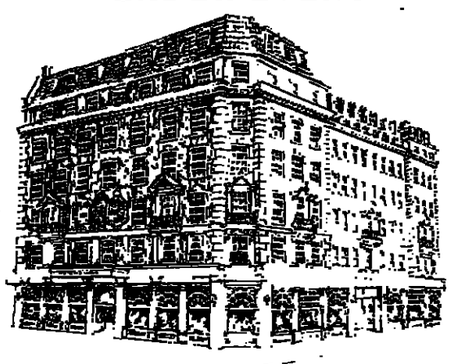
Rosa Mannion (Asteria), the toast of Aix last summer in Handel's *Orlando*, took a little time to find her best form, but sang like an angel in the last act. Maybe she was unsettled by Roy Goodman's tempos, which were not so much fast as unyielding, and Handel's sopranos need and deserve room in which to phrase expressively. And Mannion sings Italian much better, alas, than she does English (Robert David Macdonald's excellent translation is used here). Patricia Bardon, too, might have benefited from more flexibility in the pit: her bouncy, fruity-toned Princess of Trebizond bounced too energetically.

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Asteria (Rosa Mannion) and Bajazet (Philip Langridge)

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ROCK

Troglodyte outing

Nick Cave
Forum, NW5

The thunderstorm outside served as an eerily appropriate backdrop for Nick Cave's shadow-strewn gothic vision. Opening with a lonesome, bar-stool ballad, Cave crooned convincingly in his cracked and vulnerable baritone, pausing only to light a cigarette and toss back his hair.

Looking every inch the faded cabaret star — reed-thin in a gun-metal grey suit — the Australian post-punk artist who rose to prominence in the early Eighties fronting noisy art terrorists The Birthday Party, has learnt in his uniquely unhealthy way to put on an impressive live show.

Cave's band, the Bad Seeds, specialise in the type of ramshackle avant-garde rock 'n' roll that The Fall call their own; but the latter steadfastly refuse to follow a blues template, while the Bad Seeds immerse themselves in gnarled tradition, even covering a John Lee Hooker stomper. "Tupelo", a mutant country song, set the agenda for the evening as Cave flailed spindle-limbed across the stage hollering like a demented priest, and the Seeds hammered out a melodically impoverished yet compelling racket.

In his lyrics, Cave deploys the language of a defrocked Southern preacher with one hand on the Bible and the other on a high-calibre firearm. Yet he finds room for humour, hence during the dark, skulking "I Had a Dream, Joe", he makes amusingly pointed reference to "your ridiculous seer-sucker suit".

A new song, "Do You Love Me?", revealed a tender side to Cave's persona, as did the handsome ballad, "The Ship Song", arguably this accomplished songsmith's finest moment. Bordering on the smoochy, this sea-sick tear-jerker is, in many ways, a left-field equivalent of Chris de Burgh's "Lady in Red".

"Henry's Dream", a savagely beaten up folksong, was an undisputed high point, and drew the five-piece band into a taut formation, prompting some magnificently untutored guitar playing from Blixa Bargeld.

Snapping back into miscreant rock mode with a rambunctious rendition of "Deanna", Cave was prompted to squint out into the audience, dressed in any colour as long as it was black, and marvel, as if surprised, to himself: "Isn't this concert going well?".

ADRIAN DEEVOY

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

LONDON

L'ITALIANA IN ALGERI: Marilyn Horne, Bruce Ford, Alessandro Corbelli and Ruggero Raimondi are among the impressive cast for this revival of Jean-Pierre Ponnelle's sparkling production of Rossini's delightful comedy. Carlo Rizzi conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7.30pm 🅂

GLYNDEBOURNE TOURING OPERA: The third offering in the company's Sadler's Wells season is the British premiere of one of the most successful of recent German operas, **Song of Love and Death**; Siegfried Matthus's treatment of a poem by Rainer Maria Rilke. The production is by Aidan Lang. Martin André conducts. The performance is preceded (7.30pm) by an introduction to the work.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916), 8.30pm. 🅂

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Stravinsky (*Song of the Nightingale*), Szymanowski (Symphony No 3) and Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 3) make up the programme for tonight's concert by Simon Rattle and the CBSO, who are joined by the pianist Alexander Toradze and the tenor Jon Garrison.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.15pm 🅂

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: As part of the South Bank's international series Yehudi Menuhin conducts a programme of Schubert, Elgar and Mozart. Soloist is the soprano, Amanda Roocroft.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm 🅂

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: The award-winning musical, **Return to the Forbidden Planet**, arrives on a nationwide tour. The irresistible mix of great songs, Shakespeare misquotes and deliberately tacky decor kept the show running in the West End for three years.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street (021-622 7486), 7.30pm 🅂

MANCHESTER: Roger Haines directed *Into The Woods* last season and now tackles one of Sondheim's finest shows, **Assassins**. The action is set in a fairground where Booth, Oswald and others explain why they need to kill a president.
Library Theatre, St Peter's Square (061-236 7110), 7.30pm. 🅂

OXFORD: Roy Marsden returns to play the title role in Hugh Janes's **The Master Forger**, based on the exploits of the charismatic Tom Keating.
Playhouse, 11-12 Beaumont Street (0865 798600), 7.30pm. 🅂

BOSTON: Thérèse Raquin, Zola's grim tale of domestic savagery, is the basis for a new chamber opera by Michael Finnissy. Produced by Wilfred Judd, the musical director is Christopher Willis. Starring Linda Hirst as Mme Raquin; Richard Jackson as Laurent, Heather Lorimer as Thérèse and Andrew Watts as Camille.
Blackfriars Arts Centre, Spain Lane (0205 363108), 7.30pm 🅂

LEEDS: Tamerlano, Philip Prowse's bold staging of Handel's great tragedy, aroused mixed reactions when it first appeared a decade or so ago, though its theatrical impact was undeniable. For this revival at Opera North, period-performance specialist Roy Goodman makes his operatic debut in the pit. The counter-tenor Christopher Robson heads a strong cast which also includes Philip Langridge and Rosa Mannion.
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate, (0532 459351/440971) Tonight, Thurs and Fri, 7.15pm 🅂

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
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■ **THE ABSENCE OF WAR:** Third play of David Hare's "state of the nation" trilogy. John Thaw plays the power-hungry Labour Party leader.
National (Olivier), Southbank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.15pm. 180 mins. 🅂

◪ **CAROUSEL:** Tuneful Rodgers and Hammerstein has the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Witty Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, set in LA and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

□ **FOREVER PLAID:** Long-running American show that pays homage to the four-part harmony groups of the 1950s. Genial, and wittily performed.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat 8.30pm, mats Fri, Sat, 6pm.

■ **GREASE:** Energetic, well-danced revival taking a nostalgic look at the innocent 1950s.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **HAIR:** The Age of Aquarius dawns again. A pleasantish stroll down memory lane. Michael Bogdanov directs.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Fri, Sat, 4pm. 180mins

□ **HOT STUFF:** The glitter and glam of the Seventies is given a Faustian storyline to link the songs. Moneyspinner from Paul Kerryson.
Cambridge, Earlham St, WC2 (071-494 5040). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri 6pm and 9pm, Sat 5pm and 8pm 🅂

◪ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404) Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm 🅂

◪ **LYSISTRATA:** Geraldine James inspires the women of Athens to deny their men the joys of sex.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat 5pm

□ **MARVIN'S ROOM:** Alison Steadman and Carmel McSharry in Scott McPherson's touching comedy about a Florida family at a time of crisis.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 4.30pm 140mins.

□ **THE MOUNTAIN GIANTS:** Sian Thomas, Desmond Barrit in Pirandello's last play, completed by Charles Wood. Puzzling but a must for fans.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm.

□ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING:** Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer in a funny and friendly production of Shakespeare.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm 165mins.

◪ **OLEANNA:** Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Great performances by David Suchet and Lia Williams in Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

◪ **SEPARATE TABLES.** Peter Bowles and Patricia Hodge in welcome revival of Rattigan.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins. 🅂

□ **THERESE RAQUIN:** Julia Bardsley begins the new regime at the Young Vic with her own version of Zola's sexual thriller. Water drips everywhere as the sign of guilt and grim revenge.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat 2.30pm and some Weds.

□ **TIME OF MY LIFE:** One of Ayckbourn's best family plays, starring Anton Rodgers and Gwen Taylor.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8pm; mats Weds 2.30pm, Sats 4pm.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◪ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) .. ◪ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) .. □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... □ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) .. ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) .. ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**, Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) .. ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) .. ■ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) .. □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

ASSASSIN OF THE TSAR (12). Cumbersome Russian-British production, investigating the death of the Romanovs. With Malcolm McDowell, Oleg Yankovsky; director, Karen Shakhnazarov.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

BLOOD IN BLOOD OUT (18) Insanely long and puffed-up epic about LA's Latino gangs from director Taylor Hackford. With Damian Chapa, Jesse Borrego, Benjamin Bratt.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031)

CAREFUL: Weird and wonderful mountain drama from Canadian eccentric Guy Maddin. German Expressionism meets Monty Python. With Kyle McCulloch, Gosia Dobrowolska.
ICA 🅂 (071-930 3647)

LIKE WATER FOR CHOCOLATE (15) Laura Esquivel's quirky Mexican hymn to sex, food and the female spirit, spoiled by dull direction (Alfonso Arau). With Lumi Cavazos, Regina Torne.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Curzon Phoenix** (071-240 9661) **Gate** 🅂 (071-727 4043) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

CURRENT

GROUNDHOG DAY (PG): Harold Ramis's marvellously fresh, humane comedy about a weatherman (Bill Murray) who always wakes up to the same day. With Andie MacDowell.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) **Odeon Mezzanine** 🅂 (0426 915683)

◆ **IN THE LINE OF FIRE** (15): Secret Service agent Clint Eastwood fights John Malkovich's psychopath and his own guilt. Sturdy thriller, directed by Wolfgang Petersen.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** 🅂 (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-439 0791)

IN THE SOUP (15): Gangster (Seymour Cassel) bankrolls an aspiring film-maker (Steve Buscemi). Zany, joyous comedy from American independent Alexandre Rockwell.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

THE LIE (15). Refreshing, straightforward French drama about facing up to Aids. Francois Margolin directs Nathalie Baye and Didier Sandre.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

◆ **PASSION FISH** (15) Crippled soap star and her secretive nurse undergo rehabilitation. Enjoyable, loving, leisurely film from John Sayles.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

◆ **SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE** (PG) Meg Ryan makes a long-distance play for widower Tom Hanks. Smart but indulgent romantic comedy.
Barbican 🅂 (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

THE WEDDING BANQUET (15): Americanised immigrant from Taiwan fails to tell his parents he's gay. Delightful, caring cross-cultural comedy. Director, Ang Lee.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Hill** 🅂 (071-435 3366) **Warner** (071-439 0791)

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT (18). Tina Turner's life story. Powerful acting from Angela Bassett and Laurence Fishburne redeem the clichés. Director, Brian Gibson.
Electric 🅂 (071-792 2020/0328) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

TELEVISION: BBC2's documentary *The Music of Terezin*, reviewed by **Richard Morrison**

Anthems to the human spirit

SUDDENLY the word Terezin seems ubiquitous in the music world. On Saturday night, BBC2 ran a documentary called *The Music of Terezin*. All this week, Radio 3 is broadcasting the music itself. On Thursday at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, two operas from Terezin are to be performed.

The only surprise about this burst of interest is that it has taken so long to happen. For Terezin is one of the most extraordinary towns on earth: a place in which sublime artistry came into contact with the most disgusting genocide ever perpetrated.

Fifty miles north of Prague, it was once a picturesque 18th-century garrison. In 1941 the Nazis turned it into a transit camp in which Czech Jews were held before being taken to Auschwitz. Between 1941 and 1945, 140,000 people passed through Terezin. Only 20,000 survived the war.

Yet the atmosphere among the prisoners seems to have been anything but morbid. In particular, music flourished — partly because the Jews rounded up in Prague included some fine composers, as well as the conductor Rafael Schächter (who organised a choir in the ghetto) and even the leader of the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra.

The music composed in Terezin ranged from Viktor Ullmann's surreal opera *The Emperor of Atlantis* to some hauntingly intense chamber music, often weaving ancient Hebrew melodies into anguished laments. Hans Krása adapted his children's opera, *Brundibár*, for the combination of instruments to hand, and the piece was performed over 50 times. "It was a way to survive mentally," said one survivor. "We were dancing under the gallows," said another.

At first, all this creativity went on surreptitiously. Then, the Nazis allowed it out in the open, apparently with little censorship. After that, they started to exploit it for their own evil ends. To counter Red Cross charges that they were mistreating prisoners, the Germans made a grotesque propaganda film including a performance of *Brundibár* — as well as footage of prisoners enjoying fine food that was brought in for one day only.

The question not asked during the interviews with Terezin survivors in Simon Broughton's otherwise admirable documentary was perhaps the hardest one of all. To what extent were these immensely intelligent and gifted Jews aware that their music was being twisted for propaganda purposes?

Nevertheless, some of the testimonies were compelling. One performance, of Smetana's opera *The Bartered Bride*, became a symbol of liberation, said one survivor, because most of those in Terezin came from families that had been settled in Prague for hundreds of years. They thought of themselves much more as Czechs than Jews — until the Nazis categorised them otherwise.

Another performance was of the Verdi Requiem. It was sung by a choir of 180 people on the evening before they were all ordered into the trucks bound for Auschwitz. Can Verdi's great choral masterpiece ever have been sung with more emotional force than on that night?



A poster for performances at Terezin of Hans Krása's children's opera, *Brundibár*. It was sung more than 50 times in the camp

CONCERTS: A satisfyingly thoughtful and unflamboyant approach to Bruckner; and a Wagner premiere

Risks richly rewarded at the end of a long haul

LPO/Gielen
Festival Hall

WITH Franz Welser-Möst laid low by appendicitis, for this performance of Bruckner's Eighth Symphony the London Philharmonic secured the services of his diametric opposite. Michael Gielen does not have Welser-Möst's flamboyant technique, nor does he try to cultivate his charismatic appearance on the podium. Long spells in German opera pits have probably seen to that. What he does have is an admirably workmanlike attitude to his craft. He preferred to leave all the nuts and bolts of the symphony exposed in this reading: there were no ethereal visions, no snow-capped mountains rising majestically through the clouds.

Playing the symphony simply as an abstract work was a high risk strategy, especially as Gielen chose Bruckner's first thoughts rather than Schalk's or Haas's later versions. As well as giving us a certain amount of unfamiliar music, this made the piece — especially the Adagio — appreciably longer, with the structure now more heavily weighted in favour of the third and fourth movements.

Gielen exacerbated the risks by making one or two decidedly controversial interpretative decisions. He took the Scherzo at a slowish tempo, for instance, and made the cellos thump out the first appearance of the little accompanying motif which pervades this obsessive, circular movement, as though they were giants stomping across the countryside in seven-league boots. He obviously meant it, because he did it again later. But Gielen prefers to delineate rather than to homogenise colours, and that approach proved apt for the solid chunks of Bruckner's orchestration.

He kept the sprawling Adagio well under control, though without really aspiring to the degree of involvement one used to expect from an out-and-out Brucknerian like the late Lovro von Matačić. There were glorious moments, like the magical progression of simple chords with harp, and some awesomely huge climaxes. Gielen is one of those few conductors willing to allow his musicians the freedom to play out. But the movement needed just a touch more emotional intensity, or perhaps a slightly easier overall pacing.

Yet how impressive this great static animal seemed by the time we reached the end, and how right in retrospect Gielen was to allow the finale that same easy breadth. Here, after such a long haul, the detail of the music seemed to vanish, leaving only its essence behind, as untenable but as life-giving as the air.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Wagner shows promise

ASMF/Wagner
Queen Elizabeth Hall

A WORLD premiere of a work by Wagner was the enticing prospect held out by the Academy of St Martin in the Fields at the QEH on Thursday night. But this was not the infamous "Starnberg Quartet" of the Behemoth of Bayreuth freshly unearthed (contrary to legend, no such work exists anyway). Indeed, the Wagner in question was a quite unrelated one: the 31-year-old Austrian Wolfram Wagner, who is the first of a series of young composers to spend a month "in residence" with the Academy.

The scheme has clearly resulted, in this case, in a close bond between orchestra and composer. The Academy smilingly indulged the young Austrian's gauche platform manner when he conducted his own work, *Dances in the Ether*, and delivered it with the care and attention they might a genuine masterpiece. Certainly it was not that: there was something equally gauche about the beginnings and endings of each of the two movements. But in between there were some euphorically dancing rhythms to match anything in Tippett, and some resourceful deployment of the basic texture produced by six wind instruments and a body of strings.

An adventurous programme also included the mellifluous *La oración del torero* (*The Bullfighter's Prayer*) by Joaquin Turina and one of Haydn's lesser known symphonies, No 71 in B flat. Such an imaginative programme was all the more to be applauded since this was a gala performance at which the Academy was presented with the Queen's Award for Export Achievement. The orchestra, the first to receive the award, won it on the basis that two-thirds of its £2.4 million annual turnover is earned from overseas concerts and record sales. Sir Neville Marriner, the Academy's founder, is said to have made more records than any conductor other than Karajan.

Sadly, without Marriner, or for that matter anyone, on the podium — Kenneth Sillito directed from the front desk — the performances of the Haydn and of Schubert's Fifth were for the most part anodyne affairs. Only in the last two movements of the latter was there any real spark of individuality. Precision of ensemble is no substitute for characterful shaping of phrase.

BARRY MILLINGTON

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J. Enoch Powell finds that the most baffling politician of recent history has eluded his biographer

What did he stand for?



Harold Wilson on March 16, 1976, the day he stunned the country by announcing his resignation as Labour leader

WILSON
The Authorised Life of Lord Wilson of Rievaulx
By Philip Ziegler
Weidenfeld & Nicholson, £20

The new biographer records, "When I told Harold Wilson before I took on the book, that I was far from being a committed socialist, he replied with some satisfaction, 'That's lucky. Nor am I!'." "He always wanted to be called Frank, his sister remembered: 'Perhaps it's just as well. After all he wasn't always very frank'." The two beginning of the book, *explain why he is such a difficult man to be fair to.*

He was a consummate politician: and a politician has no business with principles and no business with being frank. Either would interfere with the conduct of his art, which consists not least in appearing to be principled and frank while being neither. Nevertheless, Harold Wilson remains unsummarisable.

One thing is beyond doubt — his supreme mental agility. I remember when I used to have regular dealing with him, the frustration of trying to tell him anything. Halfway through, he would interrupt and finish off what one was going to say. Philip Ziegler is a highly skilled biographer; but even he has to confess defeat. Undoubtedly, Wilson's association with Aneurin Bevan's anti-Gaitskell resignation in 1951 was in retrospect a necessary stage in his rise to the top. But the biographer is flummoxed. "It is possible to construct two plausible scenarios — the first a gallant young idealist sacrificing his job and risking his position for the sake of a principle, the second a cynical schemer calculating the course of action that promised him the greatest advantage." As between those alternatives Ziegler can only conclude that "the biographer who believes that either of these versions presents the entire truth would be better employed designing puppets for *Spitting Image* than in the craft of biography."

The dilemma, as in so many political lives, remains intact, resolvable only by prejudice and ill-will. A greater issue of principle there could not be than the transfer of self-government away from the British electorate to the European Community; but, though Tony Wedgwood Benn thought that "if only Harold would look and sound a bit more convincing [on that subject], we might have a good chance", Wilson not only did not do so but his tactics on taking office steered his party, his government, Parliament and the electorate into a referendum of which the result is only now in course of being reversed. Yet the interpretation of unprincipled ill-faith falls short of a just appreciation of the realities of politics. In forming his cabinet the "array of powerful and ambitious candidates was the sort of problem that Wilson relished, balancing one bloc against another".

What stirs the imagination is the mysterious alchemy of British political life, which uses the characters and natural dispositions of the political actors in such a way that the thrust of national will and sentiment find expression.

Upon a section of that endlessly kaleidoscopic theme this biography of the most baffling character in recent political history has woven a new commentary. Wilson's sheer cleverness was always his worst enemy. A man's biographer gets pretty close to his subject, especially a biographer of Ziegler's stature. It was not absolutely necessary, when a television bloomer put Wilson on the screen simultaneously on the platform and among a conference audience, to observe that "Wilson would happily have clapped himself if given half a chance, but even a man as quick on his feet as he was could hardly have contrived to be simultaneously on the floor and on the platform"; nor to quote Bevan's judgment: "He's much more dangerous than Gaitskell, because he isn't honest and he isn't a man of principle but a slimy, resolute careerist, out for himself alone." It is only fair to add that, of Wilson as leader of the Opposition in 1962, the same biographer writes: "He believed every word he said and preached his doctrine with a messianic zeal that could have left only the most cynical in any doubt of his sincerity."

One characteristic of Wilson was not ambiguous but visibly genuine and unfeigned. "The fact is, Harold can't stand people being hurt', wrote Crossman resignedly." Perhaps in retrospect this trait, of which the most distant contact provided repeated evidence, goes a long way to resolve the ambiguity of Harold Wilson's sincerity. I shall never forget being deeply impressed with the genuineness of his grief when I had occasion to speak to him on the morning after the sudden and unexpected death in the House of Commons of a parliamentary private secretary the previous night. "There can be no doubting the sincerity of the dismay he experienced" — after the Aberfan disaster — "as he walked around the shattered village and talked to the bereaved. But" — and here falls the shadow of doubt again — "he also relished the dramatic role of the Prime Minister who arrives from the skies, sweeping aside every bureaucratic barrier." It is a contradiction, that between "sincerity" and "relished the role", which will always remain perhaps insoluble.

PAPERBACKS

THE CALL OF THE TOAD
By Günter Grass
Minerva, £5.95

IN times of peace and prosperity, the toad's call is thought to bring good luck; in darker days, it is a portent of disaster. Grass's love story is set in Gdansk just before the fall of the Berlin Wall. The firetoad's potent call provides an ambiguous background to the touchingly hesitant courtship of an elderly widow and widower. They are divided by language — he is German and she Polish — and by loyalty to the past. But they are linked by name and profession. Alexander is an art historian, Alexandra a gilder; both want to restore the tarnished memories of time gone by. They settle on the idea of a cemetery of reconciliation, to preserve the memory of the dead and symbolise the new tolerance and unity. An unexpectedly delicate and wistful book.

SACRED COUNTRY
By Rose Tremain
Sceptre, £5.99

IN the secret heart of a rural English backwater, from the 1950s to the 1970s, Tremain's memorable characters nurse dreams of escape, magnificence and adventure. For some this leads to deeper torment: but butcher's boy Walter, who wants to be a country and western star, and Mary the farmer's daughter, who wants to be a man, at last achieve their longed-for transformations. A subtle and compassionate story about loneliness, integrity and the difficult pursuit of happiness.

MORE PLEASE
By Barry Humphries
Penguin, £6.99

DAME Edna's alter ego comes pluckily out to tell his own, often rather harrowing story. Childhood in the snobbish strait jacket of a prosperous Melbourne suburb was followed by Dadaist days at university, where shoescapes and compositions with bent forks were Barry's speciality. Then came emigration, aspiration, disintegration and, after a period of drying out and sobering up, final triumph as Australia's most popular export. Bacon, Betjeman, Bernard, the Establishment crowd and a changing cast of wives all flit across the pages. But this is a thoughtful and touching book, despite the sibilant echoes of the Dame and the hilarity that keeps breaking through.

● *Contributors: Brian Morton, Alison Burns, Hazel Leslie*

Snobs and suburbanites meet their fate

THRILLERS

SET IN the unglamorous world of steeplechasing, a rackety combination of low and high life, **Pity the Sinner** by Mark Daniel (*Michael Joseph, £14.99*) is a surprisingly black thriller. Its story is driven by snobbery and greed, and held together by a fierce class hatred towards its nominal hero, a gentleman jockey. Finding himself in a financial frame, he throws races at the behest of a sinister but, in the end, oddly sympathetic heavy, an ex-slum landlord made good in a world where everyone is seen to be on the make irrespective of class. In the course of his trials, the jockey is put through the mangle more than most, and is finally shocked by the lengths to which he is prepared to go, and shaken by the depth of everyone's loathing for him.

Collateral Damage by James Long (*Viking, £15.99*) is a fast retread of the Gulf war. Given to cliché, it is fuelled by an anger at how the first video war was sanitised by various British parties. There are three protagonists: a TV journalist who is initially pro war; the exotic French photographer with whom he gets involved ("their lips met in sweet softness") who is anti; and the journo's alcoholic brother, a TV producer in hock to arms dealers. A fair account of the 100-hour land campaign has useful new acronyms (HRP or human remains pouch replaces the too familiar body bag), and reports on the messier aspects of surgical strikes. Easy targets include media cowardice and censorship, but of more lasting impact is the odd detail like the note on modern ammunition and video: death happens so fast now that the camera can't cope; victims disappear from the field of vision so abruptly that it looks like trick photography.

It is no surprise that Patricia Highsmith praised Charles Higson's first novel — his creepy characters come from the same suburban drawer of frustrated lives, edging their way towards the explosion of violence. In **Happy Now** (*Hamish Hamilton, £9.99*) nervy, psychotic Tom is drawn to the dark diary of Will whose housebreaking activities, conducted while the owners are in, create a perverse sexual topography that treats the penetrated house as sexual object. The first half is intriguing and disturbing, but once the different worlds have collided Higson opts for routine narrative.

WHERE would the strapped thriller writer be without Martin Bormann, the sunken U-boat plot and the tax deductable research holiday in the Virgin Islands? **Thunder Point** by Jack Higgins (*Michael Joseph, £14.99*) has daft premises — a secret Nazi list of potential British ruling-class quislings, still explosive after nearly a half century on the ocean's bed — that require even dafter narrative devices; hence the hiring by British intelligence of an Irish terrorist to salvage it. Dotty or not, Higgins at least knows how to tell a story; one reads on despite the plot.

Luke Rhinehart's **The Search for the Dice Man** (*HarperCollins, £14.99*) is the story of the quest of a straight, eighties stockbroking yuppie for his lost father. The father in question is the notorious Dice Man of Rhinehart's 1970s cult novel. There, dicing with life was about throwing the dice to decide one's fate, with initially amusing and finally tedious consequences. It's the same here. Dull Larry loosens up and starts dicing with Wall Street to humorous effect, turns life on its head and goes downwardly mobile. *The Dice Man* read like a hangover from a 1960s Ken Kesey prank, and this sequel offers little progress. I resorted to the dice on page 135; anything, other than a six allowed me to quit. I threw a six, and gave up anyway.

Less ambitious than *Perestroika Christi*, John Hands's first novel, **Darkness at Dawn** (*HarperCollins, £14.99*) is a straightforward thriller. A former KGB officer, half-Russian, half-Ukrainian, acts out the conflict of his own split nationality on a larger stage when hired by a Russian military thug to destabilise the newly emerging Ukrainian state. Research and background detail emerge more strongly than the characters who too frequently amount to little more than capsules of moral dilemmas.

CHRIS PETIT

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Chained to his career

Hazel Leslie

THE LIFE AND MANY DEATHS OF HARRY HOUDINI
By Ruth Brandon
Secker & Warburg, £17.99



Houdini: escape artist with separation anxiety

There is a photograph of Houdini on the cover of this biography which conveys, perhaps better than any words, his extraordinary power. He is standing, naked except for the most abbreviated of loincloths, with his back to the camera. His hands are manacled behind him. His upper arms are held back with a heavy padlocked chain, and his stocky, muscular, slightly bandy legs are locked together with leg irons. His handsome head is half turned towards the camera in an attitude both patient and alert. The whole effect is one of martyrdom — horrifying and, as Ruth Brandon says, extremely sexual.

Paradoxically, Houdini himself was the most puritanical of men and probably impotent. And although the stance suggests the victim, every detail of his hair-raising escape acts was, in fact, under his own iron control — contrived and calculated to the last second. What is more, the photograph was a carefully posed piece of publicity. Houdini knew what he was about.

He was born Ehrich Weiss in Budapest in 1874, the year his Jewish parents emigrated to America. He grew up in extreme poverty, left home at 12, and by the time he was 18 was an expert locksmith, a keen amateur magician and soon an escape artist, working the vaudeville circuit.

In some ways he was always the first generation immigrant, anxious and insecure. But in his case this was underlaid by an obsession with separation and death which was deeper and more terrifying. He was fixated on his mother all his life, writing her letters that would have made even the most sentimental Victorian blush, and creating a marriage for himself that was a replica of the mother-son relationship.

Never did a man put his own pathology to better use. As his reputation — and his wealth — grew, he confronted and conquered death in ever more extraordinary acts of escape. Huge crowds watched as he jumped manacled from bridges, was lowered bound to the bottom of the sea in nailed crates, emerged from buried coffins and dangled in straitjackets from skyscrapers. There was astonishing physical and mental courage involved, but also tricks of the trade which Brandon, who has clearly done her research in the world of professional magic, describes in gripping detail.

In spite of the fact that his own acts depended on often elementary deceptions Houdini spent a good deal of his time unmasking "frauds", and, after his mother's death, became obsessed with exposing the tricks of spiritualist mediums. But he took his own appearances extremely seriously, and the book conveys very well the feeling of intense inner drama which distinguished his acts from others and made them so magnetic.

One of his most popular escapes was the Milk Can Act, in which he was sealed, in the foetal position, in a churn entirely filled with water. What a gift he is for a post-Freudian biographer, and Brandon certainly makes the most of him. Nowadays Houdini would probably have spent precious hours on an analyst's couch and thousands would have missed the thrills of a lifetime.



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5,401.30	Abbey Nt	412	+7	11.5	3.5	15.9
1,750.30	Allied Irish	266	+8	...	3.9	14.4
2,296.00	Aus New Z	175½	+3½	...	5.0	...
10,443.30	Bankamerica	2937½	-137½	...	...	...
1,201.50	Bk of Ireland	256	+8	...	4.8	30.0
27.70	Bk Leumi UK	380	...	17.0	6.1	...
2,053.20	Bank Scotland	177	-9	4.5	3.2	35.3
8,624.10	Barclays	534	+20	...	...	...
5.63	Benchmark	3½	...	...	...	...
5.48	Carlisle	18	-3½	...	...	...
139.30	Cater Allen	578	+8	27.0	5.8	...
157.20	Cattles	142	+6	...	3.7	18.9
3,882.90	Chase Manh	2487½	+71½	...	...	...
9,321.60	Citicorp	2550 †	+137½	...	...	...
187.40	Close Bros	425	-8	11.0	3.3	∞
3,791.10	Commerzbk	£127¼	+450	...	...	...
15,109.60	Deutsche Bk	£317¼	+550	...	1.9	...
146.80	First Nat Fin	90	-5	...	0.7	...
40,565.90	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	0.4	...
198.60	Gerrard Nat	508	+18	21.5	5.3	13.5
5,863.00	HSBC	715 †	+25	19.0	3.3	17.1
12,009.10	HSBC HK	706 †	+25	19.0	3.4	16.9
658.10	Hambros	375	+5	14.0	4.7	17.3
21.90	Joseph (L)	418	...	16.6	5.0	...
22.60	King Shaxson	143	...	9.0	7.9	...
629.20	Kleinwort Ben	477	+3	16.0	4.2	16.5
7,486.90	Lloyds	584	+27	18.4	3.9	16.7
58.90	Lon Scot Bk	99	...	3.0	3.8	19.6
6,656.90	Nat Aust Bk	522	+9	...	3.8	19.0
8,519.20	Nat West	516	+20	17.5	4.2	31.3
569.60	Provident	427	+10	11.4	3.3	18.5
20.40	Rea Bros	52	...	0.5	1.2	55.3
2,467.80	Ryl Bk Scot	336	+29	8.8	3.3	...
1,287.80	Schroders	1275 †	+7	...	1.7	25.4
2,306.20	Stand Chart	968	+29	20.0	2.6	...
3,339.60	TSB	220	+9	6.4	3.6	...
33.20	Union Disc	175	...	...	...	...
1,721.50	Warburg SG	797	+16	...	3.0	20.1
4,688.10	Wells Fargo	8462½	+375	...	1.6	...
2,945.40	Westpac	168	-2	...	4.7	...
24.20	Wintrust	285	+2	9.3	4.1	25.5

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4,982.60	Allied-Lyons	563	...	...	4.7	15.2
3,975.40	Bass	458	...	18.9	5.2	10.0
311.10	Boddington	258 †	-10	7.3	3.5	15.0
232.60	Bulmer (HP)	443	-6	...	2.9	19.3
32.90	Burtonwd Brw	158	...	4.7	3.8	13.2
24.90	Eldridge P 'A'▲	128	...	...	3.2	33.9
1,834.70	Fosters Brewing	57 †	-1	...	4.6	∞
87.90	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	435	+7	7.4	2.1	18.6
8,607.00	Grand Met	416	+23	12.3	3.7	13.7
762.00	Greenalls Grp	366	-10	11.7	4.0	12.1
236.90	Greene King	560	-2	...	2.7	15.8
8,493.80	Guinness	423	+1	...	3.5	15.7
46.00	Hardy Hanso	260	-2	7.9	3.8	14.4
3.05	Heavitree▲	130	...	3.0	3.2	28.6
416.60	Highland Distl	333	...	6.0	2.3	22.1
90.80	Holt J	3035	+37	41.0	1.7	19.6
3.97	Hoskins Brew	69	-6	...	...	49.7
39.20	Invrgordn Dis	266	-15	...	3.3	15.2
163.10	Macallan-Glen	140	...	0.9	0.8	31.4
52.40	Macdn Martn 'A'	385	-5	...	2.9	18.4
143.80	Mansfield	225	+8	...	2.1	18.1
247.30	Mrston Thmp	273	-5	...	2.5	16.5
66.70	Matthew Clark	470 #	...	...	4.5	13.8
31.50	Mrrydwn W	360	-18	7.0	2.4	30.5
113.40	Morland	535	...	8.4	2.0	21.3
4.90	Paramount▲	9½	-½	...	2.1	17.3
27.80	Regent Inns	190	+13	4.5	3.0	∞
5,847.50	SA Breweries	1081	+226	...	2.5	18.3
1,966.10	Scot & New	467	-8	...	4.5	14.5
220.80	Taunton Cider	202	-3	6.0	3.7	16.5
329.40	Vaux Group	234	-4	9.3	4.9	16.4
104.00	Wetherspoon JD	332	+4	...	1.9	26.8
2,355.60	Whitbread 'A'	520	-11	...	4.3	14.0
227.60	-do- 'B'	1388	+13	...	1.6	14.8
309.10	Wolvrhmptn D	469	-5	11.4	3.0	13.2
13.90	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
46.50	Abbey	120	...	...	2.0	19.7
13.70	Albrighton▲	19	+1	...	...	...
35.40	Allen▲	133	+3	...	4.7	30.1
232.30	Amec	115	+9	3.0	...	21.0
2.64	Anglia Sec	8	-½	...	...	...
69.10	Ashtead▲	207	+5	4.5	1.8	49.3
364.60	Attwoods	129	-1	5.0	4.8	19.7
1,337.20	BPB Ind	269	+8	...	3.5	46.3
35.70	Baggeridge Brk	90	+1	3.1	4.3	30.2
2.82	Bailey (Ben) Con	27	...	0.5	2.6	...
19.50	Barcom	105	...	1.2	1.5	19.1
243.40	Bardon	44 †	...	2.0	5.7	21.7
37.50	Barratt Devs	187	-3	4.0	2.7	∞
220.10	Bellway	451	+3	...	3.3	26.1
17.50	Bellwinch	40	-1	...	...	...
239.00	Berkeley Gp	442	+15	...	1.7	27.7
16.20	Bett Bros	108	...	...	0.6	4.4
13.10	Blockleys	51	-2	1.0	2.5	55.8
1,948.60	Blue Circle	282 †	+12	...	5.0	...
70.20	Boot (Henry)	270	...	5.9	2.7	15.1
25.00	Breedon PLC	88	-1	4.6	6.7	21.2
20.60	Br Dredging	117	...	5.2	5.7	25.4
19.80	Brit Fittings	83	...	1.5	2.3	...
389.50	Bryant	142	-3	4.8	4.3	∞
13.80	CALA	96 †	...	2.3	3.0	∞
1,073.50	CRH	308	+19	...	2.8	16.9
2.10	Cakebread Rby	35	-5	...	...	...
80.60	Costain	35	-1	...	...	...
107.60	Countryside	141	+1	...	3.6	37.3
68.10	Crest Nicholson	99	-5	0.0	...	...
18.30	Cussins	103	...	...	1.2	...
1.91	Dunmore▲	4	+1	...	...	...
10.30	Edmond Hldgs	19½	...	...	0.5	...
53.60	Epwin	272	-1	6.8	3.1	23.0
26.90	Erith	57	-2	0.3	0.8	...
46.00	Eve Group▲	483	+10	...	2.6	17.5
6.09	Explaura▲	4	...	...	...	...
9.00	Freeman Gp▲	130	...	...	4.8	20.7
39.00	Galliford	44	-2	4.3	...	17.7
1.25	Gibbs & Dandy	72	...	...	1.7	...
93.20	Gleeson (MJ)	923	...	12.7	1.7	15.0
259.80	Hewden-Stuart	137	+2½	...	3.0	31.1
3.97	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	34.0
248.20	Heywd Wlm	341 †	+1	12.5	4.6	...
48.40	Higgs & Hill	110	+3	2.5	2.8	...
10.70	How Gp	26	-8	...	...	...
5.27	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
185.20	Ibstock Johnsen	74	-3	1.0	1.7	...
12.90	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
138.90	Laing (J)	303 †	-1	9.0	3.7	12.1
49.40	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	123 †	-1½	...	6.5	...
8.62	Ln Clydeside▲	95	...	4.5	5.9	35.8
15.40	Lovell (YJ)	18½	+2	...	...	8.4
122.50	Manders	324 †	-3	9.0	3.5	19.8
438.50	Marley	155	+1	4.2	3.4	45.5
128.30	Marshalls	106	+4	...	4.7	73.0
44.00	Maunders (J)	178	...	4.9	3.5	16.3
120.90	McAlpine (A)	214	...	6.5	3.8	37.0
30.20	McCarthy & S	43	+6½	0.5	...	...
528.30	Meyer Int	425	+7	...	2.9	42.6
120.30	Mowlem (J)	111	-1	4.0	4.6	...
26.10	NSM	152	+6	...	...	...
9.01	Needler▲	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
169.00	Newman Tnks	140 †	+3	...	...	18.7
286.50	Persimmon	292 †	+1	8.6	3.7	29.8
2.16	Phoenix Timber	15	+1	...	...	16.2
15.90	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
102.60	Prowting	160	-1	3.4	2.7	...
1.63	Quiligotti▲	2½	...	...	...	...
1,597.60	RMC Gp	810	+18	...	3.1	30.2
170.90	Raine Ind	91	-2	6.0	8.2	15.2
2.26	Ramus▲	20	...	...	...	...
2,812.90	Redland	557	+24	25.0	5.7	31.9
10.60	Roskel	71	...	4.3	7.7	10.3
798.80	Rugby Group	273 †	+5	6.4	3.0	20.9
7.83	Snfld-Rvea▲	50 †	...	...	0.6	...
27.10	Sharpe & Fisher	131	...	...	3.9	22.5
150.60	Sheffield Insl	231 †	-4	...	2.9	56.7
17.50	Sheriff Hldgs▲	167	+4	...	1.5	24.9
2.88	Shorco▲	84	...	...	7.7	19.1
22.70	Smart (J)	225	...	8.5	4.7	10.2
10.10	Starmin	3	-1	...	...	...
1,339.40	Tarmac	146 †	+8	5.5	4.4	...
37.70	Tay Homes	172	-1	5.8	4.3	11.0
493.00	Taylor Woodrw	118 †	-3	1.0	1.1	...
202.80	Tilbury Dougls	600	+1	33.0	7.0	19.2
3.76	Torex Hire▲	37	...	...	1.4	...
278.20	Travis Perkins	273	-1	8.0	3.7	47.6
12.50	Try Group	29 †	...	1.0	4.3	8.2
2.73	Tudor▲	25	...	...	1.3	...
38.20	Vibroplant	83	...	2.5	3.8	29.8
23.10	Ward Hldgs	44	-2	...	...	...
0.83	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
88.40	Watts Blake	435	...	...	3.6	18.2
2.21	Wescol▲	21	-1	...	...	...
110.40	Westbury	166	+2	5.0	3.8	25.9
3.92	West Scaffold▲	7½	...	...	...	...
1.43	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
357.00	Wilson Bowdn	460 †	-8	8.7	2.4	31.6
361.90	Wilson (C)	191 †	-6	3.9	2.6	33.1
623.70	Wimpey G	173 †	-2	...	3.8	...
4.49	YRM	34	+2	0.5	1.5	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
881.70	ADT	635	-13	...	...	...
9.76	Adam & Harvey	228	...	12.0	6.6	4.3
6.65	Air London▲	75	...	...	5.8	9.3
3.31	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
165.20	Anto Sec	145	-4	...	4.6	26.0
1,195.80	BET Ord	129	-5	...	3.2	5.2
21.40	BNB Res	101	...	4.9	6.1	...
81.80	BPP	311	...	8.0	3.2	17.2
36.40	Barbour Index	219	...	8.0	4.6	14.9
19.60	Bousead	23	...	0.7	...	...
59.00	Brit Data Mgt	243	+3	4.7	2.5	17.5
3.98	Broadcastle▲	25	...	...	1.3	19.9
7.83	Brooks Service	65	...	...	...	...
52.80	CRT Gp	100 †	...	...	3.5	17.7
89.10	Capita Group	188	+1	...	1.4	29.4
34.40	Casket Plc	43	...	...	2.3	16.5
20.40	Chiltern Capital	22	...	...	...	...
11.70	Christie	50	+2	...	...	...
973.10	Chubb Sec	349	+21	...	1.7	21.7
5.91	Comoco▲	92	-2	...	2.0	23.0
9.21	Corp Services	31	...	...	...	...
13.10	Coutts Cnslig	55	+4	...	...	...
15.70	Dart	103	-4	3.3	4.0	14.0
233.10	Davis Service	229 †	+7	...	4.4	17.3
5.10	EW Facs▲	95	...	4.3	5.7	10.9
32.90	Gardiner	30½	-½	0.6	...	21.3
1,017.80	Hays	252½	-1½	5.3	2.7	∞
157.10	Hogg Robinsn	227	+2	...	3.6	16.6
17.20	Holmes Protectn	39	+3	...	...	2.4
7,226.10	Hutch Whamp	208	+6	...	2.3	17.3
512.90	ISS B DKr	1975	+50	...	5.3	2.6
2,719.60	Inchcape	519	-5	...	3.1	16.7
168.60	Johnson Clean	856	+4	25.7	3.8	18.7
92.20	Lep	10	...	...	...	...
31.20	Mitie Gp	279	-6	3.5	1.6	21.7
792.40	Manpower	1065	-31	...	...	...
36.80	Michael Page	61½	...	1.8	3.7	26.1
6.15	Pernaa▲	130	-3½	...	9.6	4.9
1.13	Prime People▲	2½	-½	...	...	...
55.40	Proudfoot Alex	89	-7	...	...	4.8
41.40	RCO	387	...	12.8	4.5	13.3
7.30	REA	86	-1½	4.0	5.8	...
54.30	Reed Executive	306	-1	...	...	...
25.60	Reliance Sec▲	114	...	...	4.9	24.7
2,050.30	Rentokil	210½	+1½	2.3	1.4	26.3
14.10	Rolfe & Nolan	230	...	...	3.6	14.1
1,023.50	Salvesen (C)	355	-3	...	2.7	19.5
3.28	Scott Pickford▲	38	...	...	2.6	12.1
17.20	Select Appt▲	8	+2	...	...	...
132.00	Serco Gp	1148	...	14.0	1.5	31.8
9.03	Sherwd Cmpa▲	148 †	...	...	5.9	4.5
58.00	Sketchley	300	...	...	3.8	22.9
81.50	Warner Howrd	344	-1	6.5	2.4	18.0
14.20	Weipac	32	...	...	...	...
33.30	Wills Gp	24	-½	0.4	2.1	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
643.60	Allied Colloids	245	+3	...	2.2	21.6
494.50	Amersham	890	+21	...	2.0	29.4
18.40	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
5,984.30	BASF DM	£104¼	+340½	...	6.3	...
362.30	BTP	290	-1	...	4.3	18.6
8,168.80	Bayer DM50	£124¼	+387½	...	4.4	...
77.20	Blagden	166	...	9.5	...	17.9
76.90	Brent Chems	114	-1	...	8.2	10.3
137.10	Br Bio-Tech	384	+4	...	...	...
7.15	Caird Gp	12½	...	...	13.3	34.7
44.10	Canning (W)	156	...	7.2	6.0	17.6
1,993.90	Courtaulds	496	-22	...	3.5	13.2
432.60	Croda	330 †	+1	...	2.9	18.9
14.40	Doeflex	133	-2	4.6	4.3	10.2
175.90	Ellis & Everard	213	-1	...	4.1	20.4
10.50	Euro Colour	35	-1½	0.8	2.9	21.4
99.20	Halstead (J)	333	+5	...	3.4	21.3
315.60	Hickson	182 †	+1	...	5.5	16.9
6,652.10	Hoechst	£112¼	+275	...	3.2	...
195.70	Holliday Chem	229	+4	...	2.0	21.1
5,162.40	ICI	716	+12	...	4.8	...
1,242.80	Laporte	651 †	+3	19.5	3.7	16.0
140.60	Leigh	220	+6	...	4.4	21.2
15.30	MTM	59	-5	...	...	...
3,774.10	Norsk Hydro	1837½	+112½	...	1.5	26.1
112.50	Paterson Zoch	401	...	11.4	3.1	19.9
96.40	-do- 'A'	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
112.60	Plysu	237	...	...	3.7	15.5
40.80	Porvair	285 †	...	3.6	1.7	28.3
30.90	Suncliffe Speak	55	-4	...	...	...
112.10	Wardle Storeys	454	-13	16.0	4.4	18.2
38.50	Wlstnhme R	520	...	17.0	4.1	17.6
176.50	Yorks Chem	387	+12	...	2.5	20.7
211.00	Yule Catto	248	-7	5.9	3.0	15.0
6,879.60	Zeneca	728 †	+18	...	4.7	43.0

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37.90	Alexon	66	+2	...	...	...
85.70	Amber Day	72	+1	3.1	5.4	19.7
1,021.70	Argos Plc	344	+4	...	2.6	29.2
21.80	Ashley Group	15½	...	...	...	...
306.70	Ashley (Laura)	88	+1	0.1	0.1	...
253.00	Asprey	317	-1	5.1	2.0	22.0
40.10	Austin Reed	131	...	...	2.4	...
69.60	Beattie (J) 'A'	150 †	...	...	5.0	15.1
44.40	Bentalls	104 †	+9	1.9	2.2	...
211.70	Betterware	208	-9	...	1.2	24.9
13.00	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	6.9	...
327.60	Body Shop	175	-7	...	1.2	22.6
81.70	Brown & Jackson	12½	-½	...	0.8	6.3
292.00	Brown (N)	400	+8	...	2.2	23.5
1,031.50	Burton	79½	+1½	...	3.4	...
25.90	Cantors	156	...	4.0	3.3	...
20.30	Church	345	...	12.5	4.5	30.7
26.50	Clinton Cards	156	...	4.2	3.4	18.8
1,544.30	Coats Viyella	254 †	+6½	...	3.6	35.1
20.90	Colourvision▲	103	...	5.6	6.8	18.5
170.30	Courts Furnish	695	...	5.5	1.0	8.7
2.16	Crown Eyes▲	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
1,992.30	Dairy Farm Intl	120 †	-1	...	3.0	17.6
103.60	Dewhirst (I)	82½	...	1.0	1.5	26.5
1,017.20	Dixons Grp	258½	+½	...	3.0	...
629.10	Dunhill	370	-2	8.1	2.8	14.4
5.16	ERA Gp	9	-3	...	...	73.8
6.36	Elys (Wmbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
18.60	Essex Furn	163	-2	...	2.1	27.6
175.00	Etam	268	...	6.9	3.2	24.6
468.80	Fine Art Dev	589	+5	12.7	2.7	19.2
3.88	Fired Earth Tiles	68	+10	...	...	...
11.10	Forminster	555	...	14.0	3.2	10.1
23.60	French Conn▲	149	-7	...	...	...
22.40	Gent SR	62	...	2.1	4.3	∞
15.10	Goldsmiths Gp	69	-7	0.3	0.5	...
	GUS	4050	+125	...	1.4	31.6
5,338.00	-do- 'A'	2209	...	...	2.5	17.1
4.04	Hampden Grp▲	27	-3	...	4.6	13.4
68.10	Hartstone	65	-2	...	5.4	...
32.80	Helene Plc	27	+½	2.0	9.5	12.5
3.22	Heritage▲	73	+4	...	...	...
5.85	Honeysuckle▲	72	+4	...	1.7	10.2
14.10	Jacques Vert	148	+4	...	2.5	11.3
4,262.90	Kingfisher	643 †	-24	...	2.7	22.1
23.60	Leslie Wise Gp	68	...	4.0	7.4	14.0
95.40	Liberty	575	-8	7.2	1.6	67.5
309.00	Lloyds Chem	262	-2	5.5	2.6	10.3
840.10	MFI	144½	-1½	...	3.2	30.4
10,684.50	Marks Spencer	386	+10	...	2.6	21.2
316.40	Menzies (John)	569 †	+13	...	2.4	16.1
38.20	Moss Bros	229	...	5.5	3.0	26.9
704.80	Next	191	-14	2.5	1.6	22.6
9.10	Oliver (G)	36	...	...	...	...
159.10	Oriflame Intl	298	...	...	4.0	14.6
61.90	Pentos	43	-1	1.5	...	9.0
74.70	QS Hldgs	190	-15	5.1	3.4	13.5
22.30	Rhino Grp▲	41½	+½	...	...	...
171.20	Sherwood Gp	154	-3	...	2.1	13.8
1,689.00	Sears	112	-5½	...	3.9	...
81.30	Signet Group	27½	...	...	...	...
1,194.00	Smith WH 'A'	438	-4	...	4.1	14.3
2.64	Specialeyes▲	17	-2	...	...	...
891.00	Storehouse	215	-7	...	2.9	27.7
97.10	T & S Stores	152	-13	5.9	4.9	11.1
80.00	Tie Rack	155	...	1.0	0.8	25.4
115.90	Time Products	220	+1	7.5	4.3	19.0
8.53	Usher (Frank)▲	122	+2	...	6.3	∞
20.40	Vivat	37	+1	1.0	3.4	11.5
2.54	Wensum▲	34	...	...	6.7	...
400.60	Wickes	107	-4	...	0.2	48.6
5.53	Wld of Leather▲	68	...	...	...	...
57.70	Wyevale▲	188 †	+1	...	2.7	24.9
5.78	Xtra-vision▲	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
324.50	ACT Group	176	-1	...	3.6	17.7
34.70	Acal▲	240	...	...	3.3	16.7
62.40	Acorn Comp▲	94	-19	...	...	47.6
49.10	Admiral	455	...	5.4	1.5	19.2
78.70	Alba	170 †	+1	...	3.6	21.3
11.30	Alphamerik	42	...	...	...	...
258.60	Amstrad	44½	...	0.4	...	...
14.90	App Holo▲	72	-3	...	...	...
21.70	Arlen	36	-2	...	...	...
241.60	Astec	78½	+1	...	0.4	1.2
24.10	Bealer Hunter	245	+1	...	4.8	15.1
4.24	Bennett & Fount	4	...	...	...	...
1,499.60	BICC	427	+7	19.2	5.7	...
115.50	Blick	464	-1	9.2	2.5	18.1
326.60	Borland▲	1150	+150	...	...	...
587.80	Bowthorpe	356	-3	6.3	2.2	23.1
26,898.70	BT	437½	+6½	...	4.5	30.5
5,477.80	BT P/P	189	+6	...	4.3	21.3
2.86	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11	-½	0.1	1.1	...
35.30	Burnfield	103 †	-4	5.7	7.0	16.3
9,646.50	Cable Wireless	885	+24	...	2.1	23.1
56.60	Chloride	23½	+2	...	...	...
47.40	CML Micro▲	271	...	...	2.2	19.7
14.20	Comptr People	102	+1	0.6	0.8	...
325.10	Cray Elect	147½	+5½	...	1.3	15.2
49.40	Critchley	428	+10	...	1.8	∞
793.30	Delta	536 †	+26	...	3.3	22.4
15.60	Denmans El▲	359	...	...	2.1	15.3
119.80	Domino	468	-3	7.2	1.9	16.0
90.90	Dowding Mills	62 †	+2	2.5	5.0	∞
70.60	Drucks	1103	...	10.0	1.1	23.5
921.90	Electrocomponts	439	-4	...	2.2	17.9
48.70	El Data Pro	560	+2	5.1	1.1	15.4
33.50	Electron House	130 †	+1	2.6	2.5	28.5
24.40	Emess	23	+½	0.1	0.5	19.8
268.20	Eurotherm	600	+3	8.0	1.7	27.3
701.80	FKI	158½	+14½	...	2.4	23.2
612.40	Farnell Elect	457	...	...	1.7	24.2
7.44	Feedback▲	88	...	...	2.1	11.5
91.20	Ferranti	9½	...	...	...	...
38.60	First Tech	260	+3	1.0	0.5	∞
20.90	Forward Gp▲	259	...	...	1.6	23.4
6.46	Forward Tech	19	-1	...	...	...
9,702.10	GEC	355	+2½	10.3	3.6	17.8
117.70	Graseby	186	+1	...	7.3	39.1
10.50	Greystone	11	-1	...	...	...
1.35	Hildare▲	36	...	...	...	...
6.84	INSTEM▲	143	-5	...	1.8	...
68.80	Jones Stroud	378	...	...	2.7	10.2
4.00	Kenbury	14	...	0.1	2.9	15.2
126.20	Kenwood App	344	+11	...	1.4	...
27.90	Kewill Sys▲	234	...	...	2.8	19.3
15.30	Kode	165	-15	5.5	4.2	19.6
4.99	Laser-Scan▲	31	-4	...	...	...
46.70	LBMS▲	260	-2	...	0.4	36.7
14.50	Lec Refrig	240	-13	9.0	4.7	...
230.80	Life Sciences	133	-3	3.5	3.3	14.7
155.60	Logica	253 †	+1	4.0	2.0	∞
4.51	LPA Ind▲	54	-1	...	8.1	15.2
120.50	MR Data Mngmt	218	+1	4.3	2.5	20.8
155.60	Macro 4	688 †	+35	...	3.2	20.9
118.10	Memvier-Sw▲	342 ‡	-430	...	1.9	21.4
348.20	Micro Focus	1760	-10	...	...	16.2
64.60	Microgen	164	...	7.2	5.5	11.2
19.90	Microvitec▲	30½	...	...	...	...
195.20	Misys	503	+4	...	1.7	18.4
383.30	Mitel	485	-99	...	...	...
13.60	MMT Comp▲	128	...	...	3.4	16.3
9.15	Molynx	48½	-1	1.3	...	...
44.70	MTL Insts▲	254	...	...	...	...
17.90	Multitone Elect	119	+4	3.5	3.7	∞
19.90	Murray Elect	208	+1	1.8	1.1	...
6,351.30	NYNEX	3075 †	-100	...	...	...
32.90	Neotronics	128	-7	2.6	2.5	16.5
2.83	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
18.20	Norbain▲	239 †	+2	...	0.8	18.4
9.24	Northamber	52	-2	0.6	1.4	...
15.20	Oceonics	11	-1½	...	...	...
134.80	Oxford Inst	279	...	4.5	2.0	19.2
16.20	P-E Intern'l	74	+4	...	...	...
40.00	P & P	72	+1	1.4	2.4	38.2
88.50	Peek	77	+5	3.4	5.6	19.8
13.50	Pegasus▲	210 †	+1	...	3.8	53.9
12.20	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
4,314.40	-do- Lmp nv	1350	+62½	...	...	...
91.20	Phonelink▲	257	+2	...	...	...
25.50	Pico	275	-15	...	1.9	23.1
18.30	-do- 'A' Voting	265	-15	...	1.9	22.2
2.93	Plasmec▲	63 †	-1	...	...	5.3
27.00	Pressac	106	-4	2.4	2.8	21.4
29.70	Psion▲	135	+14	...	2.3	35.8
628.90	Racal Elect	225	+5	4.2	2.4	13.4
12.20	Radamec	66	...	...	2.8	14.1
10.40	Radius▲	38	+3	2.7	...	13.1
4.41	Real Time▲	61	-4	...	6.0	12.9
5.72	Riva▲	22	-1	...	...	27.9
93.10	Sage Gp	454	+2	9.0	2.5	14.6
30.30	Sanderson Elec	340	-7	9.0	3.3	14.5
30.20	Scantronic	79	...	3.1	4.9	19.9
65.60	Scholes Grp	173 †	-1	5.0	3.6	∞
304.90	Sema Gp	335 †	+3	2.8	1.0	27.2
13.10	Silvermines	40	...	...	3.1	...
4.70	Soundtracks▲	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
3,008.00	TDK	2287½	...	...	...	...
1.35	TDS Circuits▲	15	-56½	...	1.4	25.0
177.40	Telemetrix	19½	+2½	...	...	...
3,965.80	THORN EMI	949	+4	0.8	0.5	32.3
16.10	Thorpe FW	125	+27	...	4.2	19.4
5.67	Total Systems▲	55	+15	2.6	2.7	∞
80.80	Tunstall	505	-3	3.0	6.5	9.7
194.00	Unitech	284	+6	6.0	1.5	20.2
14.00	Verity	7	-2	...	2.7	67.3
34.70	Visrec▲	28½	...	...	...	...
5,150.70	Vodafone	512	-1	...	1.6	16.3
120.40	Volex	456	+14	...	1.7	23.2
3.16	Western Selectn	21	-2	17.8	4.9	18.7
40.80	Wholesale Ftgs	287	-1	11.7	5.1	30.5

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,165.00	East Midlands	534	-13	...	4.6	10.0
1,508.80	Eastern Elect	558	-5	...	4.3	11.1
1,472.60	Hydro-Elect	384	+7	...	3.7	13.9
1,232.30	London Elect	565	-2	...	4.3	12.5
734.70	Manweb	610	+1	...	4.3	8.8
1,205.30	Midlands Elec	575	-5	...	4.3	10.3
5,025.00	National Powr	393½	+5½	...	3.4	11.7
746.00	Northern Elec	606	-3	...	4.4	8.7
507.00	Nthn Ireland	188	+3	...	4.1	10.3
1,013.70	Norweb	587	-2	20.0	4.3	9.1
3,351.20	PowerGen	428 †	+9	...	3.1	11.3
3,121.40	Scottish Power	383	+14	...	3.6	14.2
782.20	Seeboard	614	-7	...	4.1	9.9
617.70	Sth Wales	608	-9	...	4.6	10.1
699.20	Sth Western	568	-2	...	4.4	9.0
1,550.30	Southern Elec	567	-4	...	4.3	10.4
1,208.60	Yorkshire Elec	583	-8	...	4.4	11.0

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
33.90	Aitken Hume	56	...	1.0	2.2	11.9
21.80	BWD▲	117	...	...	3.4	18.3
29.60	Baltic Plc	98	-5	...	1.3	...
452.10	Caledonia	544	-3	...	3.4	20.2
37.50	Camellia	1500	-25	...	2.4	5.6
67.10	Candover	301 †	+1	10.2	4.3	21.3
49.70	Flextech▲	145	...	...	0.4	...
266.00	Govett	325	+6	...	4.9	7.5
48.40	Ivory Sime	167	-3	...	4.9	15.7
2.44	LIT	4½	...	...	...	...
0.66	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...
223.00	Lon Forfaitng▲	223 †	+1	8.4	4.7	16.2
12.60	Manakin	62	...	5.0	10.1	∞
9.56	Nat Home Loan	9½	-½	...	...	...
18.30	Newmarket	51	...	...	...	...
64.60	Rathbone Brs	328	...	6.0	2.3	19.9
62.90	Rutland Tst	24½	-1	...	4.1	14.4
35.30	S & U	330	-10	10.0	3.8	12.2
153.90	Singer & Fried	80 †	+1	...	4.7	...
269.70	Sothebys	796	+32	...	4.3	...
414.00	S/P Capital	152	+5	3.0	2.5	62.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
11,429.50	Amer Express	2375 †	+43½	...	...	...
220.00	Henderson Ad	1028	+3	...	5.1	23.7
449.50	Invesco	182 †	+9	...	2.1	...
2,191.70	Jardine Strat	232	-3	...	3.3	9.7
734.60	MAI	227	-6	6.9	3.9	∞
1,241.20	MAM	660	-3	15.0	2.8	16.5
708.20	M & G	943	+2	...	2.8	25.1
177.30	Smith New Crt	341	+17	...	2.2	5.2
41.70	Trio Hldgs	75	...	...	5.0	...

FOODS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,132.80	AB Food	475	-3	14.0	3.7	10.9
1,594.50	ASDA Group	55	-6	1.6	3.6	13.2
90.40	Acatos & Hutch	274	...	6.5	3.0	15.8
435.50	Albert Fisher	72	...	3.7	6.5	12.0
3,228.50	Argyll	288	-3	...	4.7	10.6
27.80	Assoc Fisheries	159	...	...	6.3	3.3
19.00	Banks (S C)	225	...	9.0	5.0	10.0
62.40	Barr (AG)	330	-5	6.5	2.5	16.7
10.70	Bensons Crsps	59	-6	...	6.0	13.3
128.10	Berisford Intl	129	...	...	...	...
856.40	Booker	403	...	...	6.9	34.3
27.10	Borthwick	47	...	...	3.2	58.4
244.90	Brake Bros	483	-3	6.2	1.6	20.0
73.10	Budgen	45	-2	...	2.8	13.7
3,759.10	Cadbury-Schw	454	-2	...	3.6	16.0
8.10	Carrs Milling	119	...	3.9	4.1	33.8
26.10	Cranswick	193	...	...	5.2	14.4
4.05	Cullens	15½	...	0.5	4.0	44.5
14.50	Dalepak	125	-65	6.0	6.0	9.8
1,103.00	Dalgety	484	-4	...	5.4	13.4
4.16	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
310.50	Devro	230	-4	...	3.0	21.9
26.90	Everest	107	...	3.7	4.4	∞
84.00	Farepak	372	+1	5.7	1.9	22.9
2.19	Farringford	8½	...	...	...	...
74.80	Finlay (James)	75	-1	...	7.1	24.2
266.50	Fyffes	95	-3	...	1.7	17.1
265.70	Geest	370	-5	8.1	2.8	16.5
17.50	Global▲	14½	...	...	4.4	22.3
18.20	Grand Central	40	-1	1.2	3.4	∞
396.40	Hazlewood Fds	171	-12	...	4.7	9.6
1,087.40	Hillsdown	158	...	8.8	7.1	12.2
516.10	Iceland Group	188 †	-15	...	2.2	11.9
49.00	JLI Group	118	...	...	4.9	13.1
1,018.20	Kwik Save	659	-21	16.0	3.0	12.6
90.20	Low (Wm)	169	-15	8.4	6.2	8.2
99.30	Matthews (B)	80 †	+6	2.2	3.5	52.4
14.90	Merchant Retail	16½	-1	1.1	8.3	33.8
713.60	Morrison (W)	100	-4½	...	1.0	13.0
85.80	Nichols (JN)	543	...	13.6	3.1	15.7
1,403.80	Nthn Foods	245	-5	...	4.3	12.2
5.25	Nrthmbrn Fn▲	11	...	...	...	...
234.80	Nurdin Peack	185 †	-6	...	4.1	10.3
121.30	Park Foods	232	-2	...	3.2	17.9
109.20	Perkins Food	89 †	-2	...	6.2	10.2
56.60	PizzaExpress	107	+2	...	0.6	61.2
7.23	Regina Hlth▲	5½	...	...	...	...
7,425.60	Sainsbury J	416	-12	...	3.0	14.6
1.34	Sentry Farm▲	78	...	...	2.4	14.0
35.00	Sims Food	117	+2	...	8.0	22.5
1,327.40	Tate & Lyle	371	-9	12.0	4.0	11.7
3,784.70	Tesco	193	-9	...	4.7	8.7
103.20	Thorntons	162	-1	3.6	2.8	15.1
15.20	Treats▲	160	-2	...	2.8	18.3
885.00	Unigate	379	-7	...	5.3	12.4
1,811.30	Utd Biscuits	345	-4	...	5.6	21.0
18.90	Usborne	20½	...	...	4.9	∞
116.40	Watson & Phil	300	-3	13.3	5.5	15.6

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2.64	Abrdn Stk Hs▲	22	...	...	...	...
172.70	City Centre Rest	90½	+1	1.5	2.2	21.8
1,874.10	Forte	221	-8	...	4.3	17.1
20.40	Friendly Hotels	164 †	...	...	4.4	31.3
7.88	Harmony Leis▲	10	...	...	...	...
34.10	Jurys Hotel	128½	+6	...	5.0	10.3
2,145.10	Ladbroke	188	-7	11.1	7.6	15.6
441.50	Mandarin Orntl	65	-2	...	5.2	16.1
439.00	Queens Moat	47 #	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
160.50	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
5.97	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
49.80	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
11.80	Ryan Hotels E	16	...	...	6.6	...
233.90	Savoy Hotel 'A'	818	+5	7.0	1.1	...
232.70	Stakis	61	...	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
12.90	AAF Inds	56	...	...	19.6	3.4
470.60	AAH	536	-7	...	4.0	17.2
25.30	AIM	182	+9	7.5	5.2	11.0
289.60	APV	98½	+3½	...	6.9	...
139.80	ASW	209 †	+1	...	3.6	...
144.70	Adwest	178 †	-3	...	5.2	∞
7.98	Aerospace Eng	21	-1	...	4.5	27.6
66.40	Airsprung	280	+2	...	2.0	17.9
53.90	Alexdra W	180	+1	3.8	3.0	44.2
4.67	Allied Radio	9½	-½	...	...	...
89.20	Altmasc	579	+4	...	2.6	16.8
23.10	Alvis	42	...	1.0	3.0	8.6
20.50	Amber Ind	525	...	...	4.4	12.0
2.40	Amberley Gp▲	40 #	+2	...	3.1	...
36.70	Anagen	79	+1	...	...	...
12.10	Andrews Sykes	85	-20	...	6.5	...
282.30	Antofagasta	943	+20	...	2.1	17.3
13.60	Armour	50½	-3½	1.6	4.2	∞
37.60	Ash & Lacy	144	-11	6.4	5.7	14.5
9.19	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	...	...	...
135.40	Avon Rubber	513	-10	...	4.0	20.5
27.40	Assoc Nursg	348	...	...	0.5	15.2
55.40	Atlas Equip	533	-147	...	3.2	13.2
6.00	Ayrshire Metal	60	...	...	...	...
679.10	BBA	168	...	...	5.6	14.3
3.65	BLP Group▲	56	-4	...	...	...
22.70	BM Gp	20½	-3	5.0	...	0.9
2,979.80	BOC	626	-7	23.2	4.6	13.7
188.30	BSG	72½	+1½	...	5.6	25.0
120.20	BSS Group	462	-1	...	4.7	27.7
12,562.40	BTR	372 †	+10	...	3.6	20.8
17.30	BWI	162	-4	6.7	5.2	15.6
174.90	Babcock	32½	-2½	...	8.1	19.4
3.99	Bailey (CH)	7½	-1½	...	...	...
315.50	Baird (Wm)	279	+1	8.9	4.0	19.1
1,276.30	Barlow Rand	650	+87½	...	5.2	3.7
85.60	Baynes (Charles)	62 †	...	...	2.9	25.4
4.90	Beaufort	6	-1	...	...	...
5.29	Beckenham▲	6	...	...	...	...
1.38	Bedford (W)▲	29	+2	...	...	...
21.50	Benson Group	16½	...	0.3	2.3	∞
131.00	Bespak	520	+5	10.0	2.4	16.3
132.90	Bibby (J)	85	...	9.7	...	5.0
4.08	Billam (J)	252 †	+2	5.0	2.5	12.7
2.36	Bilston Batsea▲	28	...	...	...	...
6.92	Birmec Ind	9½	...	...	...	...
43.80	Birkby	201	...	...	...	...
9.40	Black Arrow	38	...	3.5	2.2	19.0
6.09	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	2.6	8.6	11.9
125.60	Black (Peter)	220 †	...	3.7	2.0	20.2
38.10	Bluebird Toys▲	490	-11	...	1.1	14.9
163.90	Bodycote	284	-4	...	2.2	18.0
1.36	Bogod 'A'	28	...	0.7	3.1	10.4
4,976.80	Boots	479	-4	...	3.5	17.8
2.00	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
2,260.90	Bowater	454	-6	...	3.2	19.0
449.70	Bowater Inc	1241 †	+4	...	...	...
60.40	Boxmore Intl▲	272	...	...	1.7	20.4
11.30	Brasway	14½	+½	0.5	4.4	∞
121.70	Brammer	285 †	...	13.0	5.7	21.2
6.75	Bridgend Gp	23	-1	0.4	2.2	...
67.50	Bridon	119	+1	...	4.2	...
8.11	Bridport-Gndry	81	...	4.1	6.3	15.2
1,268.80	Brierley Inv	45	...	...	7.6	∞
27.50	Br Bldg & Eng	245	...	...	1.3	...
2.54	Br Bloodstock▲	67	+3	...	...	...
142.10	Br Polythene	477	+11	...	2.6	17.0
2,520.00	Br Steel	126	-7	...	1.0	...
32.20	Br Syphon	95	-4	...	3.9	26.6
24.90	Br Thornton	155	-3	...	2.0	17.0
506.00	Br Vita	235 †	+3	7.1	3.8	14.5
73.20	Brixton Grp	14½	-½	...	1.6	...
11,680.90	Broken Hill	705	+3	...	2.5	32.9
73.60	Bromsgrve Ind	107	...	...	5.1	13.9
3.36	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
19.40	Brown & Tawse	61	-4	...	...	...
153.90	Bullough	128	...	6.0	5.9	21.9
7.70	Business Tech▲	16½	...	...	...	...
19.00	CI Group	22	...	1.0	...	20.8
2.31	Campbll & Arm	16	-1	...	...	...
34.60	Cannon St	37½	...	...	...	...
135.90	Cape	256	...	...	5.1	17.3
151.00	Carclo Eng	250	+4	8.6	4.3	17.8
1,854.80	Carnaud Mtl	2300	...	...	2.7	∞
3.67	Cassidy Bros▲	66	...	...	4.4	11.1
44.30	Castings	210	...	4.3	2.6	14.8
148.50	Cathay Intl	64	-5	...	...	...
13.20	Chamberlin Hill	180	-15	6.2	4.3	11.2
495.20	Charter	725	-20	...	3.8	17.1
66.30	Chemring	340	-4	...	3.0	20.5
4.43	Chieftain Gp▲	51	...	5.1	...	10.9
10.80	Chillington	38	...	0.2	0.8	...
313.80	Christies Int	196 †	+10	...	1.0	48.7
10.50	Claybithe	63	...	...	5.0	...
1.64	Clayton Son	75	-8	...	...	...
1.22	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	...	0.2	...
5.62	Cohen (A)	303	...	6.8	2.8	∞
71.10	Community H	218	+7	6.9	4.0	∞
116.90	Concentric	216	-4	...	3.2	18.2
50.40	Cook (Wm)	230	+1	5.0	2.7	13.9
1,097.40	Cookson	196	+4	...	3.8	25.9
7.70	Copymore▲	71	...	...	1.8	21.7
99.80	Crawl Fkr 'A'	148	-5	5.7	4.9	∞
15.30	Cosalt	133	+4	10.7	...	20.2
8.64	Creighton Nt▲	187	+1	...	4.9	13.4
62.50	CrestaCare	37	...	0.5	1.7	31.8
1,773.60	Dana	3862½	+237½	...	...	...
395.00	Danka Bs Sys	240	+10	...	0.6	22.8
118.90	David Brown	224	-1	...	3.3	15.9
1.08	Davies (DT)▲	17	-5	...	...	...
1,327.90	De La Rue	692	+16	...	3.1	18.4
3.57	Diakle Heel	27	+1	0.9	4.5	21.1
305.80	Diploma	549	-1	9.7	2.2	28.6
94.20	Dobson Park	77	...	5.7	...	13.9
1.85	Dyson (J&J)	112	...	5.0	5.6	20.6
8.92	-do- 'A'	74	...	5.0	8.4	13.6
5.86	EFG	12½	+½	...	...	...
180.80	EIS	410	+1	...	3.9	16.1
3.17	Elbief	25	+1	...	...	...
8.12	Eleco	28	+3	...	...	0.00
1,415.80	Electrolux 'B'	1987½	-53½	...	2.7	...
18.40	Elliott (B)	75	...	...	...	...
1,236.20	Eng China Cl	410	-3	...	6.2	23.5
19.90	Environed	138	-10	...	...	59.3
6,732.70	Ericsson 'B'	3587½	+40½	...	0.8	...
35.40	Eurocopy	73	+6	1.6	...	28.3
46.70	Expamet	74	-2	...	...	1.7
252.60	Fairey Group	624	...	10.2	1.9	20.8
43.60	Fenner	100	+13	...	...	18.9
5.86	Ferraris Group	60	+5	...	2.1	14.1
3.25	Ferromet▲	1½	...	...	...	...
5.21	Fetrum	16	...	2.5	...	11.2
5.89	Fife Indmar	56	...	0.5	1.1	...
1,147.20	Fisons	166	-8	...	0.7	15.1
53.80	Fitzwilton	46	...	...	9.6	...
70.80	Flogas	288 †	...	...	3.5	∞
11.40	Folkes Group nv	37 †	...	1.5	5.1	21.0
9.70	French (Thomas)	81	-2	3.6	5.6	40.6
128.00	Frost Group	218 †	+2	...	2.3	27.5
31.30	GEI Int	85	...	...	7.3	...
1,218.30	GKN	462	-18	...	8.5	30.8
5.79	GR Hldgs	44	...	...	5.7	...
3.73	Garton Eng	98	...	4.0	5.2	...
273.80	Gestetner	146	-1	8.2	7.0	6.4
8.19	Gieves	36	-3	...	...	26.0
19,253.20	Glaxo	635 †	-19	...	4.3	16.4
8.87	Glenchewton	34	+1	...	...	...
636.50	Glynwed	309	+9½	11.6	4.8	28.7
61.40	Goode Durrant	116	-4	...	5.8	...
92.60	Grampian Hd	134	-3	5.5	5.1	23.3
2,110.70	Granada	451	+18	7.7	2.1	24.0
48.40	Great Shrns▲	410 †	+2	...	3.4	16.9
7.96	Green (Ernst)▲	99	-5	...	9.2	∞
26.00	Greenacre▲	15	+1	...	2.4	14.7
1.99	Guardian Grp▲	10½	...	...	...	...
54.40	Haden MacLn	62 †	+2	...	4.0	22.4
6.73	Hadleigh Inds▲	93	+11	...	0.7	...
80.90	Hall Eng	276 †	...	8.6	3.9	23.0
404.20	Halma	206	+11	...	1.2	27.7
24.40	Hampson Ind	40	...	1.6	5.0	13.2
12,261.80	Hanson	253½	-3	...	5.6	12.9
18.10	Harris (Philip)	162	+3	...	5.3	9.8
1,314.30	Harrisn Crsfld	189	-6	9.0	6.1	26.8
17.90	Havelock Euro	69	+1	...	...	...
5.25	Hay (Norman)	35	-3	...	...	...
4.03	Headway	25 †	-1	0.7	3.5	...
2.53	Healthcare	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
799.30	Hepworth	388	+11	14.8	4.9	16.5
10.90	Hewitt (J)	194 †	...	3.0	1.9	15.2
1.84	High-Point	36	-2	1.3	...	...
48.00	Hill & Smith	161	...	...	4.4	22.4
14.60	Hobson▲	16	-3	...	...	77.0
5.36	Holders Tech▲	172	+5	...	4.4	22.4
39.00	Hopkinsons	50	+3	1.3	...	37.4
13.10	Hornby▲	162	+1	...	6.9	15.3
221.30	Howden	79	+1	2.2	3.5	14.6
227.80	Hunting	237	...	...	5.3	20.0
123.00	Huntleigh Tec▲	473	-20	...	2.7	12.0
938.10	IMI	289 †	+5	...	4.3	25.6
44.60	ISA Intl	115	-1	1.5	1.6	17.8
35.70	Intercare Gp▲	140	-5	...	2.3	14.8
34.70	Isotron	280 †	...	4.3	1.9	∞
3,839.20	Jardine Math	544	+13	...	2.3	19.7
907.20	Johnson Matth	479	+15	...	2.7	31.0
64.60	Johnson & FB	46	...	3.0	8.2	14.2
15.70	Johnston	150	-2	3.2	2.7	...
2.80	Jones Shipman	23	+1	...	...	...
5.87	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.1	...
13.80	Kalamazoo	75	...	2.1	3.5	17.4
213.80	Kalon	161½	-3½	...	2.5	22.4
6.76	Kelsey Ind	220	-18	13.0	...	...
187.00	Kershaw (A)	538	...	27.0	6.3	27.9
27.70	Kleeneze	200	-5	...	...	...
6.45	LGW▲	145	...	3.0	2.6	12.0
386.10	Laird	330 †	+3	...	4.0	16.3
34.50	Lilleshall	141	+1	...	3.8	18.5
14.70	Lincat▲	215	+22	...	3.6	14.9
3.87	Lincoln Hse▲	24	+2	...	...	19.8
13.50	Linread	112	-6	3.7	4.2	17.1
33.60	Linton Park	250 †	...	...	7.0	9.0
23.50	Lionheart	12 †	...	0.2	2.1	...
6.00	Locker (T) A	20	...	1.0	6.2	29.1
265.50	Lon Intl	157	+1	9.4	7.5	12.0
928.40	Lonrho	121	-3½	...	4.1	...
338.70	Low & Bonar	347	-2	...	3.3	48.6
1,894.40	MB-Caradon	320 †	+5	...	3.4	25.9
291.60	-do- pf	162 †	+2	7.2	5.6	...
58.60	ML Hldgs	39	...	...	...	...
11.90	MS Intl	44	+2	...	7.1	45.3
18.70	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
158.80	Macfarlane	210	...	...	1.9	23.8
398.50	McKechnie	435	+5	14.7	4.2	21.6
61.70	McLeod Russel	102	-1	6.0	7.4	12.4
13.40	Maddox	3	...	...	...	16.4
5.74	Magnolia	100	-1	0.1	0.1	16.1
16.50	Mang Bronze	100	+1	1.0	1.2	...
39.90	Marling	22½	...	...	3.6	...
37.90	Mayborn▲	191	...	...	3.3	14.5
114.90	Mayflower	58	...	...	2.7	48.1
289.30	Medeva	106	...	...	2.7	8.6
225.50	Meggitt	104½	-4½	...	4.6	17.6
96.40	Metalrax	118	-½	...	3.9	19.1
36.90	Metrotec	153	+1	...	2.6	21.3
14.70	Mersec▲	95	...	...	...	...
41.20	Midstates	85	...	...	1.1	11.4
7.22	Mining & Ald	22½	+2	...	...	...
159.70	Molins	515	+10	0.5	2.8	...
711.10	Morgan Cble	328	+6	...	3.4	12.3
14.40	Morris Ashby▲	176	...	...	4.9	16.9
6.74	Neepsend	28	...	...	3.8	13.4
46.40	Nestor-BNA	62 †	+1	0.7	3.3	37.6
23.30	Nobo Gp	191	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
302.20	Norcros	173	-6	4.8	3.1	18.9
24.00	Novo Group	38	...	...	5.1	25.3
142.80	Nu-Swift	323	...	...	4.3	12.2
4.90	Office Elec Mac	80	+7	...	...	∞
16.00	OMI Intl	36	...	0.1	0.2	...
10.10	PCT▲	132 †	...	...	6.1	...
3.43	Pacer Systems▲	73	+13	...	6.9	15.0
320.70	Pentland	89 †	...	...	6.1	...
191.90	Photo-Me	323 †	-6	...	3.5	12.1
1,156.90	Pilkington	147	...	4.6	1.8	∞
63.00	Plantsbrook	85 †	...	...	3.4	...
229.60	Polypipe	147	-2	3.0	4.4	13.4
20.70	Porter Chadbrn	22	-2	2.1	1.8	∞
1.73	Porth Gp▲	9	...	...	7.1	10.1
318.10	Powerscreen	369	+2	...	...	...
29.00	Prospect Inds	16½	-½	...	2.2	19.2
7.66	RPS Group▲	64	+3	0.7	5.7	8.3
1.22	Radiant Metal	90	...	2.2	4.3	14.1
21.70	Ramco Oil▲	120	-2	...	...	...
2,658.50	Rank Org	813	+20	31.0	1.0	40.3
8.50	Ransomes	15	-½	...	4.8	22.2
2,328.80	Reckitt Colm	621	+5	...	3.3	14.2
23.60	Record	71	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
6.44	Reece	5	...	...	...	...
49.81	Relyon	237	-3	4.9	2.6	28.4
132.00	Renishaw	271	+2	6.5	3.0	20.7
63.20	Renold	98	...	...	1.3	...
6,245.80	Reuters	1505	-27	21.2	1.8	24.9
10.40	Rexmore	59	+4	1.7	3.7	...
52.10	Ricardo Group	165	+9	5.7	4.4	∞
6.36	Richard (Leics)	76	...	...	4.4	...
22.40	Richardson West	85	...	3.0	4.4	21.8
8.63	Ropner	132 †	-5	8.2	7.8	18.7
19.40	-do- 'A'	124 †	-5	8.2	8.3	17.6
32.00	Ross Gp	28	-1	0.6	2.9	11.4
141.50	Rotork	165 †	-6	...	2.9	19.1
31.80	Rubicon	162	...	...	3.3	22.7
15.30	Russell (A)	65	...	...	...	...
16.60	SEP Indl	27	...	...	3.5	24.7
613.50	SKF 'B'	962½	+25	...	...	...
54.00	Saville Grdn (J)	54	+1	2.2	5.1	∞
498.60	Scapa	213	+2	...	3.3	16.2
137.80	Scholl	205 †	+3	...	3.8	14.9
1.61	Scot Heritable	4½	...	...	...	...
44.80	Securicor	1080	+2	2.6	0.3	41.1
398.70	-do- 'A'	740	+5	3.6	0.4	28.2
707.00	Security Serv	645	+10	5.0	1.0	31.9
278.60	Senior Eng	116	-1	...	3.4	19.2
84.90	Seton Health	286	+8	...	2.5	16.9
3.26	Sheldon Jones▲	63	...	...	...	...
7.68	Shiloh	133	+3	2.9	2.7	14.3
173.40	Sidlaw	317	-3	...	3.9	20.3
2,085.00	Siebe	536	+17	...	2.3	19.8
177.00	Silentnight	375	+1	...	2.7	22.1
1,989.70	Sime Darby	127	...	...	4.2	∞
67.40	Simon Eng	67	-3	...	...	...
45.80	Sinclair (Wm)	210	-1	7.0	4.2	13.5
20.50	Six Hundred	38	...	...	5.8	...
1,491.50	Smith & Neph	145	-½	...	4.0	15.9
5,513.00	SmithKline	403	-18	8.6	2.7	14.6
4,663.60	SmithKline Uts	356	-24	...	3.6	12.1
1,082.90	Smiths Ind	364	-6	11.2	3.9	14.9
66.70	Stkn Bar	69	...	3.3	6.1	6.5
47.70	Spandex▲	444	...	...	1.8	19.6
27.60	Spear (JW)	525	...	4.0	3.4	9.8
275.50	Spirax-Sarco	364	...	...	3.3	22.4
232.80	Spring Ram	63	-6	...	...	18.1
262.20	Staveley	230	-7	...	4.6	15.0
45.40	Sterling Ind	162	...	...	4.3	24.8
183.10	Suter	168 †	-1	8.8	6.5	17.6
	Swire Pacfc 'A'	355	+7	...	2.5	∞
4.22	Sycamore	3½	...	...	...	...
5.09	Sykes-Pick	55	-8	...	...	10.3
24.10	Syltone	148 †	...	...	4.0	19.7
1,608.90	TI	346	+7	...	3.9	23.6
7.00	TLS Range▲	31	+2	...	1.0	...
302.80	TT Group	296	+7	...	2.8	18.1
230.10	Talcare	235	-8	1.8	1.0	19.5
7,547.50	Takeda Chem	863	+10	...	0.7	16.4
4.52	Tex Hldgs	68	+5	...	...	...
7.36	Tinsley (E)▲	101	+2	...	6.7	15.6
27.00	Titon	240	...	...	1.9	20.9
2,642.50	Tomkins	237	...	...	3.3	17.5
1,307.40	Trafalgar H	104	+2	...	3.9	7.6
94.00	Transtec Tech	492	+2	16.0	4.1	12.2
109.00	Triplex Lloyd	169	...	...	5.2	20.3
372.10	UniChem	266	+9½	5.6	2.7	17.3
70.20	Unidare	365	...	...	5.5	19.1
9.84	Unigroup	32	...	...	...	...
8,475.00	Unilever	1048	-30	21.3	2.6	14.2
11,425.50	Unilever (NV)	7112½	-93½	...	2.9	11.5
325.20	VSEL	858	+10	...	4.2	9.3
16.00	Verson	11½	+3½	...	...	...
519.20	Vickers	158	+1	...	1.2	...
127.30	Victaulic	288	+1	...	3.4	14.2
180.70	Vinten	443	-7	...	2.0	20.5
213.90	Vosper Thorny	691	-3	...	2.9	16.7
4.46	WSP Hldgs	42 †	...	...	...	...
196.20	Wagon Ind	443	+13	...	...	10.9
85.70	Walker Greenbk	89½	-6½	3.1	4.9	19.5
381.50	Wassall	250 †	+2	2.5	4.3	22.8
272.90	Wrford Wdgwd	38½	-½	...	1.2	25.2
478.00	Weir	305	...	...	2.4	17.3
6,105.30	Wellcome	705	-9	13.0	2.3	19.5
6.12	Wellman	19	...	0.9	5.9	31.0
178.00	West Hlthcare	349	+6	...	1.5	∞
110.10	Whatman	483	+3	9.5	2.5	16.2
78.60	Whessoe	270	-1	...	3.1	10.5
28.90	Whitecroft	66	+2½	...	...	...
10.70	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
22.60	Wilkes (James)	128 †	+2	3.5	...	37.5
1,577.80	Williams Hldg	322 †	+1	12.5	4.9	16.8
28.70	Wilshaw	39½	+1½	...	1.8	22.4
1,730.30	Wolseley	658	-11	12.5	2.4	22.8
2.50	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
12.90	Wyko	38	-2	...	3.5	...
8.62	Young (H)	52	...	3.0	7.2	19.1

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Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
551.50	Alex & Alex	1443½	-56½	...	4.6	...
4,727.20	Am Gen	2187½	-62½	...	3.3	...
12.40	Archer (AJ)	49	...	4.4	...	23.8
11.10	Berry Bch Nbl▲	170	+3	...	3.9	13.2
66.80	Bradstock	125	-10	5.1	5.1	15.4
904.80	Britannic	479	+6	...	2.9	...
3,389.40	Com Union	630	+22	...	4.8	...
115.60	Dom & Gen	1700	-25	...	1.7	∞
91.60	FAI	57	+1	...	...	...
3,242.70	Gen Accident	719	+31	26.7	4.7	...
1,992.20	GRE	218	+5	7.0	4.1	17.9
251.90	Heath C E	390	-9	...	5.1	...
109.50	Hogg Gp	170	-43	8.1	6.1	15.1
214.70	JIB Group	173 †	+5	...	5.4	17.7
2,425.40	Legal & Gen	497 †	+30	...	4.8	30.2
2,293.70	Liberty Life	1001	+105	...	2.6	19.5
2,966.80	Lloyds Abbey	441	+8	17.3	4.9	15.9
184.90	Lloyd Thomp	288	-13	6.7	3.0	∞
449.60	Londn & Man	375	+27	14.2	4.8	27.2
113.00	Lowndes Lmb	402	-16	13.5	4.2	14.4
4,281.30	Marsh McLn	5837½	-62½	...	3.1	...
22.20	Orion	112	-2	...	5.7	...
20.40	PWS	65	-1	4.0	7.7	9.4
6,541.00	Prudential	347 †	+8	...	4.3	23.0
544.80	Refuge	1060	+10	31.5	3.8	29.1
2,076.80	Royal	330	+16	...	2.5	...
894.00	Sedgwick	174	-10	...	4.3	21.4
65.10	Steel Burrill	139 †	+1	...	...	8.2
44.00	Stenge Hldgs	87	+1	8.2	...	8.8
3,167.60	Sun Alliance	393	+16	14.2	4.6	...
93.20	Trade Indemnty	51	...	...	...	...
960.60	Transatlantic	328	...	12.0	4.6	30.4
524.20	Utd Friendly	640 †	+15	14.5	2.8	27.9
917.80	Willis Corroon	230	-9	...	3.8	47.3
5.51	Windsor	20	...	...	...	15.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
883.50	Alliance	1753	+33	45.0	3.2	38.4
216.60	Amer Trust	260	+5	4.9	2.4	53.9
455.70	Ang & O'seas	399	+8	6.8	2.1	50.7
73.70	BZW Conv	146 †	+4½	7.8	6.7	∞
283.50	Bankers	183	+4	3.4	2.4	50.1
158.00	Baring Tribne	308	...	6.4	2.6	48.7
70.00	Berry Starq	193	+2	2.2	1.4	62.7
405.10	Br Assets	105½	+2	...	5.1	25.8
107.10	Br Empire Sec	80½	+2	0.8	1.4	...
3.59	-do- Wnts	27	-½	...	...	...
602.20	Br Inv	193	+5	4.5	2.9	43.5
40.10	Contl Asset	185	+2	2.4	1.6	61.5
17.80	Derby Inc	151	+2	...	11.8	9.1
39.90	-do- Cap	260	+15	...	...	...
10.50	Drayton Blue	83	+5	8.4	12.7	9.2
37.60	-do- Eng Intl	83	...	1.2	1.8	...
145.10	-do- Far East	129½	+3½	0.6	0.6	...
26.20	-do- Korea	114	+3	0.5	0.6	...
206.10	Dunedin Inc G	650	+9	...	5.0	29.9
37.00	-do- Japan	92½	-½	...	...	...
3.60	-do- Warrants	45	-3	...	...	...
226.80	-do- Wwde	677	+13	9.5	1.8	69.7
47.90	Dundee & Lon	285	...	...	3.9	26.3
859.40	Edinburgh	292½	+1½	8.4	3.6	32.0
487.90	Electra Inv	282	+8	6.7	3.0	38.5
162.70	Electric Gen	180	...	3.1	2.2	56.1
1.64	English Scot	109	+½	...	...	...
72.10	European Asset	289	+2	...	3.5	37.5
30.70	Finsbury 'A'	128	+3	3.0	2.9	41.2
190.70	Fleming Amer	288	+7	0.7	0.3	...
110.30	-do- Claver	207 †	+5	...	3.2	40.8
199.80	Do Contl	306	+8	2.7	1.1	...
78.00	-do- Entp	195	+1	...	3.0	39.4
483.80	-do- F East	320	+11	1.1	0.4	...
40.80	-do- Fledg	324	+1	3.0	1.2	...
28.60	-do- Hi Inc	100	-3	...	5.5	17.1
281.30	-do- Japan	244	+15	...	0.2	...
400.30	-do- Merc	277	+1	6.7	3.0	59.3
378.50	-do- Oseas	285 †	+7	4.2	1.8	59.7
1,298.00	Foreign & Col	247	+4	...	1.7	67.3
56.60	-do- Enterprise	60½	...	...	...	...
124.50	-do- Eurotst	211	+7	0.4	0.9	...
48.80	-do- German	119	...	1.2	0.7	...
312.00	-do- Pacific	293	...	0.5	0.5	...
146.30	-do- Smaller	104	+6	...	0.9	...
155.40	GT Japan	349	+1½	1.8	1.4	...
26.80	Genl Cons Cap	148	+18	...	0.6	∞
40.90	-do- Inc	113	+9	...	9.3	11.7
35.40	Govett Am Smlr	142	+4	...	...	...
563.40	-do- Oriental	317½	+1	0.9	0.4	...
262.20	-do- Strategy	267	-5½	...	3.2	36.0
45.90	Greenfriar	390	-2	...	2.0	59.0
0.82	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
343.90	Inv Cap	139	+2	5.1	4.6	27.9
26.70	IGS UK Smlr	92	-2	2.8	3.8	25.7
162.80	Kleinwort Chrt	201	+3	5.0	3.1	39.1
183.70	-do- O'seas	229	+4	3.1	1.8	65.1
18.10	-do- Smlr	129 †	+2	...	3.4	31.3
151.60	Law Debenture	668	+14	18.2	3.4	33.4
101.30	Majedie	193	...	...	3.1	37.3
274.70	Merchants	268½	+3½	...	5.2	24.7
6,945.60	Merrill Lynch	6550 †	+75	...	...	...
373.30	Monks Inv Tst	481	+3	...	1.7	60.9
32.00	Morg Gren Inc	131	+4	...	4.4	26.0
2.30	Do Warrants	49	+1	...	...	...
16.10	Murray Euro	52	...	0.1	0.4	...
0.87	Do Wts	14½	...	...	...	...
285.80	Murray Income	341	+7	10.9	4.0	32.6
394.30	-do- Intl	328	+2	11.6	4.5	29.3
230.40	-do- Small	375	+10	...	1.4	...
5.05	-do- S/C Inc	92	...	...	14.4	9.0
4.80	-do- S/C Cap	122	+2	...	...	...
1.49	-do- S/C Uts	2875	...	...	4.6	...
9.51	-do- S/C DP	155½	...	...	...	...
75.30	-do- Vent	305	+9	10.9	4.6	∞
104.00	New Frontier	104	+3½	0.2	0.3	...
35.20	Nwthrgt Inc	90	+2	6.7	9.5	16.6
134.20	O'seas Inv Tst	326	+9	2.8	1.1	...
77.60	Pacific Assets	392	+7	1.1	0.4	...
11.30	Do Warrants	295	+7	...	...	...
12.50	Personal Assets	8250	...	...	2.4	40.3
268.80	RIT Cap Ptnr	149	+2	1.1	1.0	...
24.50	River & Merc	122	+3	9.2	9.4	12.2
	Robeco	405	-60	...	3.1	...
	Rolinco	408	-27	...	1.9	...
94.30	St Andrew Inv	274	+1	7.5	3.4	36.8
337.60	Scot American	151	-3	...	3.8	31.9
47.30	Scott Asian	225	+5	...	...	...
3.67	do Warrants	525	+20	...	...	...
492.60	-do- Eastern	77½	-½	1.5	2.4	51.1
552.30	Scottish	217	+2	4.6	2.7	45.0
762.90	-do- Mrtge	211½	-½	4.0	2.4	54.9
46.00	-do- Value	96	...	...	2.3	68.4
294.70	Second Alince	1535 †	-17	39.0	3.2	∞
280.30	Secs Tst of Scot	87½	+2½	3.2	4.6	28.9
44.50	Selective Asset	154	+2	1.2	1.0	55.4
43.70	Sphere Inv	36	+1½	3.1	11.0	11.4
71.10	TR Far East	153	...	...	3.7	33.6
295.70	TR City Of Lon	148½	+2½	4.8	4.0	∞
109.90	TR Pacific	164	+5	0.3	0.3	...
88.90	TR Property	31½	+1	0.9	3.6	32.8
43.10	TR Tech Inv	98	+3	1.7	2.2	36.4
332.30	TR Smlr Cos	186½	+3½	...	2.5	43.1
192.00	Temple Bar	135	+6	13.2	4.9	25.3
96.00	Thrmtn Asian E	96	+2½	0.5	0.7	...
230.90	Throgmorton	76	+1	2.3	3.8	31.0
18.00	Throg Dual Cp	513	-10	...	...	...
82.30	USDC Invest	225 †	+2	4.5	2.5	41.4
47.50	Value Inc Tst	112	+2½	3.6	4.0	28.2
429.10	Whitbread Inv	680	-24	16.5	3.0	40.9
788.10	Witan	210	+1	5.6	3.3	36.8

LEISURE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
372.90	Airtours	404	+13	7.2	2.2	14.3
36.40	Ald Leis	57	...	4.7	...	16.3
165.60	Anglia TV	373	+6	...	3.1	17.1
15.30	Baldwin	84	...	3.0	4.5	11.4
23.50	Barr & W 'A'	227	+3	10.0	5.6	14.5
47.00	Boosey Hwks	1205	-40	22.0	2.3	18.0
13.70	Border TV▲	134	-4	...	3.1	12.1
17.40	Brent Walker	6	-½	...	...	...
2.96	Bristol Scotts	55	...	...	...	...
8.44	Buckingham Int	7	-1½	...	...	...
14.80	Campari	142	...	...	10.6	...
155.50	Capital Radio	220	-2	5.2	3.0	25.4
1,526.30	Carlton Comm	767	-42	17.0	2.8	22.6
11.70	Castle Comm▲	187	-1	...	5.7	17.1
348.80	Central TV	2040	-43	38.0	2.3	22.1
31.30	Chrysalis	118	+12	...	...	...
309.20	Compass Gp	567	+8	...	2.9	17.0
51.00	Eurocamp	194	-13	9.7	6.3	8.0
1,173.00	Euro Disney	690	+17	...	1.7	...
7.20	Euro Leisure	4½	-½	...	...	...
25.30	Ex-Lands	36½	+2½	...	...	...
10.90	Fairline Boats	312	+2	10.5	4.2	...
443.10	First Leisure	272	+4	6.1	2.8	18.8
17.70	GWR Gp▲	578	+48	...	1.5	29.7
34.50	Grampian	245	-1	6.1	3.1	17.0
1.40	Greenwich Com▲	20	...	...	...	...
51.30	HTV Group	74	-1	...	...	32.9
26.60	Hi-Tec Sports	57	-1	...	4.4	...
23.50	Kunick	9½	-½	...	...	...
522.40	LWT Hldgs	505	+5	...	1.2	23.4
62.80	Man Utd	515	+2	18.0	4.4	17.7
123.10	Owners Abrd	79½	-8½	3.5	5.8	6.1
25.40	The Pelican Gp	63	-4	...	2.2	14.8
10.70	Prism Leisure▲	131	...	...	3.1	12.2
6.78	Quadrant Grp	29	...	...	...	...
29.00	Radio Clyde▲	322	...	...	3.3	25.2
11.20	Ramsdens (H)	187	-11	...	3.0	24.8
309.30	Scot TV	436	-52	9.9	2.9	21.4
15.90	Southern Radio	56	-2	0.7	1.8	23.3
100.80	Stanley Leisure	226	+5	4.3	2.4	17.8
7.82	Sunleigh▲	8½	...	...	...	...
6.86	Sunset & Vine	120	-3	3.5	3.6	14.0
647.30	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.9
19.00	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
16.70	Tottenhm Hot	104	+7	...	...	3.4
20.30	Trans World▲	51 †	-4	...	2.0	18.6
52.40	Ulster TV	499 †	+3	10.0	2.5	15.3
68.00	Vardon	93 †	-1	0.7	1.0	22.0
46.40	Wembley	18	-½	0.2	...	...
11.30	Whitegate	39	...	...	...	...
117.90	Yorkshire TV	234	+4	12.0	6.4	7.1
7.61	Zetters Gp	116	-1	8.0	8.6	13.1



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MINING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,074.60	Am Gold	4450	+353½	...	4.6	22.6
388.90	Ang Am Coal	1549½	+112½	...	5.9	8.2
4,819.70	Ang Am	2075	+215½	...	3.3	18.1
34.50	Anglo Pac Res▲	31½	-½	...	...	...
30.20	Blyvoors	126	+19	...	...	...
4.93	Bracken	39½	-3½	...	...	2.1
66.70	Buffels	606	+31	...	10.6	∞
3.53	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
3,797.30	CRA	640	-4	...	3.1	21.9
30.30	Cluff Res	28	-1½	...	...	...
4,776.30	De Beers	1256½	+140½	...	3.9	17.2
106.90	Deelkraal	107	+1	...	1.8	12.3
18.40	Doornfontein	46	-1	...	...	...
1,452.50	Driefontein	712	+16	...	4.1	14.1
10.40	Durban	489	+16	...	...	...
56.90	E Rand Gold	124	+4	...	9.2	3.6
34.60	E Rand Prop	208	...	...	...	...
355.00	Elandsrand	366	+16	...	3.3	9.0
836.00	FS Cons	710	+6	...	7.0	8.9
8.45	FS Dev	38	-5	...	...	...
1,181.00	GFSA	1225	+38	...	3.2	21.1
2,256.80	Gencor	164	+19	...	5.3	13.4
222.60	GM Kalgoorli	44½	+2	...	3.0	11.6
11.50	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	...	...	...	...
12.90	Grootvlei	113	-4	...	9.0	7.0
73.70	Harmony	274	-9	...	3.6	...
357.30	Hartes	319	-32	...	6.0	12.6
31.00	Inoco▲	15	...	...	...	...
445.40	Impala Plat	716	+50	...	3.9	24.6
8.76	Kenmare Res▲	8½	+½	...	...	...
149.60	Kinross	831	-31	...	5.9	9.6
923.10	Kloof	666	+33	...	3.2	9.4
14.70	Leslie	92	+3	...	4.4	9.7
25.00	Loraine	153	+7	...	...	...
118.80	Lydenburg	750	+25	...	2.6	∞
1,140.70	MIM	81½	-4½	...	2.7	39.5
2,136.30	Minorco	1247	+55	...	3.1	∞
902.10	Nth Brkn Hill	126	-1	...	3.8	20.7
394.00	Orange Free	1750	+31½	...	7.3	14.1
7,196.50	RTZ	677	-16	...	3.9	18.7
84.80	Rand Mines	568½	+12½	...	10.8	2.7
317.30	Randfontein	319	+28	...	5.6	∞
272.40	Renison	137	-5	...	3.2	14.2
1,294.50	Rustnbrg	1025	+75	...	3.2	∞
45.10	St Helena	469	-10	...	5.1	9.9
373.60	Southvaal	1437	+78	...	3.9	26.1
9.14	Stilfontein	70	-3½	...	8.9	12.6
34.20	Unisel	122	...	...	2.5	12.4
5,419.70	Vaal Reefs	4550	+25	...	4.7	8.2
166.10	Welkom	470	+16	...	7.0	14.7
124.10	Western Areas	308	+42	...	2.2	...
903.30	Western Deep	1812½	+6½	...	3.4	8.8
2,043.80	Wstrn Mining	213 †	-5	...	2.3	∞
100.40	Winkels	824	+24	...	1.7	7.1
90.70	Zambia Copper	74	...	...	...	...
62.50	Zandpan	48	...	...	6.3	16.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.76	Abbey Panels	238	+5	...	2.9	12.5
11.10	Airflow Stream	130	-5	3.0	5.0	...
80.90	Appleyard	132 †	-5	...	3.5	16.2
14.50	Bletchley Mtr	318 †	-2	...	4.5	29.8
21.00	Bostrom	171	+4	6.0	2.1	...
1,576.70	Br Aerospace	417 †	-6	7.0	...	...
51.80	Burndene	46	...	...	3.2	12.2
12.50	Caffyns	378	...	11.5	3.8	76.5
19.40	Caverdale	13½	...	...	...	...
17.90	Central Mtrs	134	-1	...	3.7	34.1
11.10	Cook (DC)▲	2½	...	...	2.9	∞
351.80	Cowie (T)	249	...	6.2	3.1	19.0
25.30	Dug Motors	140	+1	5.7	5.2	25.0
30.10	Dvnprt Vern	154	-1	...	3.3	19.5
29.20	ERF	298	...	2.0	0.8	...
51.00	European Mtr	136	-1	...	3.2	19.1
85.80	Evans Halshaw	399	...	11.8	3.5	61.5
193.00	FR Group	258	+1	...	3.5	12.0
18,172.30	Ford Motor	3693¾	-100	...	...	...
19,747.10	General Mtr	2793½	-281½	...	1.9	...
5.44	Gowrings	10 †	...	2.0	4.2	...
91.40	Henlys	229	-4	3.0	1.6	...
9,278.80	Honda Motor	953	+10	...	0.9	...
2.71	Jacks (Wm)	25	-1	...	...	...
8.74	Jessups	69	...	4.5	5.7	...
281.20	Kwik-Fit	163½	-3	...	2.6	23.1
378.70	Lex Service	402	+1	...	3.3	22.0
28.20	Lookers	147	-13	6.2	5.3	...
1,055.50	Lucas	149	-1	7.0	5.9	...
21.30	Malaya Grp	24	...	...	...	...
103.20	Pendragon	260 †	-3	...	3.2	21.4
44.90	Perry Gp	179 †	-12	...	5.0	...
39.50	Quicks Group	172	-4	...	3.3	22.0
1,827.10	Rolls-Royce	150½	+6	...	4.2	...
870.90	T & N	188½	-7½	...	7.2	26.8
114.10	Trinity Hldgs	222	+7	...	3.2	20.6
75.50	Vardy (Reg)	167	-3	...	3.1	23.3
218.00	Westland	229	-8	4.2	2.3	20.2

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28.30	Adscene	191 †	...	5.0	3.3	19.6
5.55	Black (A&C)	360	...	13.5	4.7	14.8
299.10	Blenheim Gp	324	+4	...	3.5	11.9
57.00	Bristol	350	+5	...	4.2	31.6
473.80	Daily Mail	9475	-300	13.0	1.7	21.3
470.00	Daily Mail 'A'	9400	-300	13.0	1.7	21.2
180.50	Dorling Kind	293	+4	3.3	1.4	∞
617.70	EMAP	356	+1	...	2.8	21.9
221.00	Euromoney Pb	1096	+10	29.5	3.4	24.7
22.50	Harrington K	23½	...	4.5	2.4	19.1
47.40	Haynes Pub	463 †	...	...	2.2	17.4
124.20	Hodder H'line	360	+2	4.5	1.6	30.5
12.90	Home Counts	129 †	-3	6.0	...	...
58.00	Intl Bus Comm	149	+5	...	...	21.6
9.31	Intl Cm & Data▲	13½	+½	...	...	...
294.10	Independent	375	-5	...	3.1	20.2
178.00	Johnstone Press	578	+1	6.2	1.4	24.9
31.00	Metal Bulletn	318	...	8.0	3.1	22.5
677.40	Mirror Gp	169	-11	...	...	...
8,582.10	News Corp	468	+2	...	0.3	...
1,857.90	News Intl	269 †	+8	...	0.6	16.5
2,999.20	Pearson	540 †	+10	...	2.8	29.3
74.20	Portsmth Sund	618	...	...	1.9	17.0
4,050.40	Reed Int	722	+13	...	2.9	31.5
22.60	Southnews	149	...	...	1.8	27.6
64.90	Sterling Pub▲	167	-3	...	2.2	18.4
516.00	Telegraph	385	...	...	3.6	16.2
4,185.40	Thomson Corp	735	+10	...	2.1	36.7
268.40	Trinity Intl	391 †	...	8.7	2.8	23.4
1.82	Unit Group▲	34	...	...	...	...
1,304.40	Utd Nwspaprs	537	-18	...	5.1	14.7

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
94.00	Aran Energy	37½	+1	...	...	32.6
24.40	Arcon Intl▲	42	+2	...	...	...
	Aus Oil & Gas	63	+1½	...	...	...
21.10	Avica Pet	67	+2	...	...	...
4.00	Beverley	11½	...	...	...	...
89.10	Br Borneo	198 †	-2	7.1	4.5	6.0
14,117.90	British Gas	336½	-1½	14.2	5.5	15.5
17,944.60	Br Petroleum	329½	+27½	8.4	3.2	25.0
10.20	Buls Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
1,470.40	Burmah Castrl	778	+9	...	4.1	18.2
40.20	Cairn Energy	62	+2	...	...	8.9
457.20	Calor Gp	272	+6	...	5.6	14.5
201.70	Clyde Pet	59½	...	...	...	...
33.40	Copiex Res	35	-4	...	...	...
2.93	Edin Oil & Gas▲	17½	...	...	...	...
2,346.80	Enterprise	470 †	+38	16.0	4.3	25.9
41.30	Exp Co Louis	39	+4	...	...	...
56.80	Fairmnt Intl	23½	-1	...	2.3	8.4
45.00	Fortune	4½	...	...	...	...
10.80	Goal Pet	62½	+3½	1.4	2.8	12.0
38.00	Gt Western Res	42	-5	...	...	...
189.70	Hardy O & G	168	+6	...	0.7	15.6
58.00	Kell Energy	41	...	...	...	...
1,091.10	LASMO	149½	-1	...	2.8	29.5
5.60	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	16.1	...
18.70	Mid Scot Res▲	9	...	...	...	...
347.10	Monument	52½	-½	...	...	...
5.72	New London	4½	-½	...	...	...
14.10	Nth Sea Assets	27	...	1.0	4.6	9.3
97.90	Oil Search	32	+2	...	...	...
	Petroz	17	...	...	...	...
60.60	Pict Pet	133	-4	...	...	∞
116.00	Premier	21½	-1	...	...	7.8
28.60	Presidio	113	...	...	5.9	...
364.30	Ranger	370	-25	...	4.1	...
36,453.00	Royal Dtch Pl	6800	+262½	...	4.6	16.9
10,776.50	Schlumberger	4450	+340½	...	1.8	...
34.40	Seafield	52	-2	...	...	...
22,392.80	Shell	675½	+24½	21.9	4.1	20.8
5.06	Sunrise Eng Sv	173	...	...	...	...
18.10	Triton Europe	22	-2	...	...	...
14.60	Villers Grp	14½	...	...	...	...
1,126.70	Woodside	169	+23	...	2.1	...

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Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
25.90	AG Holdings	144	...	...	4.6	13.0
70.10	API	329	-1	7.5	3.8	28.7
1,735.50	Arjo Wiggins	214 †	+3	...	3.8	34.6
60.80	Abbott Mead	539	...	9.3	2.2	27.9
61.20	Aegis Gp	36	-1	...	...	...
16.70	Aspen Comm▲	129 †	-1	...	4.7	11.7
1.06	BBB Design▲	13	...	...	...	...
98.30	Bemrose	390	...	...	3.8	16.9
4.36	Birkdale	11	...	...	...	...
613.60	Bunzl	145	...	4.0	3.5	21.6
38.50	CIA Gp	320	+15	...	1.7	20.8
49.50	Capital Inds	185	-32	...	2.2	17.5
5.95	Cty of Lon▲	77	-1	...	6.3	14.2
19.80	Cropper (James)	246	-3	3.1	1.6	23.8
3.66	Crown Comm▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
7.29	Delyn Pckaging	86	-1	1.6	2.4	11.0
27.80	Dolphin Pack	118	+3	4.5	4.8	28.7
8.73	Dudley Jenkins▲	76	-8	...	5.1	17.3
23.70	Elswick	11½	...	...	3.3	12.7
20.20	Fairway Group▲	65	-4	3.1	6.1	19.2
110.20	Ferguson Intl	336	-3	...	4.7	15.2
14.30	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.3
32.30	Filofax▲	144 †	-1	...	1.1	18.6
4.09	Fitch	11½	-3½	...	...	...
10.90	Gibbon Lyons▲	121	+2	...	...	...
72.30	Gold Greenlees	275 †	...	8.3	5.2	13.7
3.29	Goodhead	22	...	0.5	3.8	∞
22.60	Hunterprint	39	-8	...	2.8	...
9.11	Intereurope	170	-5	7.8	5.9	∞
82.70	Jarvis Porter	260	...	...	3.3	24.2
13.80	Lopex	26	-2	...	...	...
12.30	MMT	35	-2	...	...	...
107.60	More O'Ferrall	333	+3	13.2	5.0	39.5
45.50	NMC Group	114 †	+4	2.0	2.2	17.6
10.20	Osborne & Little	169	+1	...	3.4	18.6
316.50	Portals	490	+2	...	3.7	16.7
7.23	Premier Hlth	2½	+1	...	...	...
59.90	Quarto	284	-2	...	2.4	17.5
303.60	St Ives Gp	302	-5	5.2	2.1	20.9
356.20	Saatchi	162	...	...	...	...
522.60	Sappi	348	+27	...	9.4	6.6
7.67	Serif▲	31	+½	...	...	...
16.90	Shandwick	20½	...	...	...	...
588.80	Smith David	355	-5	...	3.5	18.6
1,127.70	Smurfit (Jeff)	231	+4	...	1.8	5.5
1.36	Somic	68	+7	1.5	2.8	27.9
48.60	Stat-Plus	226 †	-3	8.0	4.4	20.2
59.60	Taylor Nelson	27½	+½	0.3	1.4	22.8
4.97	VTR▲	68	...	...	6.2	19.4
531.90	WPP	103	+3	...	1.2	3.9
132.20	Wace	177	+3	...	...	...
203.40	Waddington (J)	293	+3	...	3.9	19.0
248.80	Watmough	347 †	...	11.5	1.9	29.3
6.10	Westport▲	9½	-½	...	...	...
1.07	Whitney Mck▲	15	-5	...	...	...
12.50	Wood (SW)	76	...	...	2.1	16.3

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
75.20	Allied Lon	108	+4	3.5	4.2	∞
5.49	Arcadian	62	...	...	...	...
22.10	Ascot Hldgs	6½	-½	...	...	...
86.40	Asda	110	+5	...	2.4	11.5
63.80	Avonside	147 †	-5	4.0	3.4	20.5
6,738.50	BCE▲	2200	-37½	...	...	...
283.20	Bilton	648	...	18.9	3.6	23.4
7.40	Bourne End	86	-4	1.0	1.5	...
306.10	Bradford	213	-2	5.4	3.2	21.6
6.06	Brodero	10½	...	...	...	...
1,130.60	Br Land	378	+8	...	2.3	34.4
505.10	Brixton	218	+4	...	4.9	17.0
144.90	Burford	78	-2	...	1.8	...
54.40	Cap & Regnl▲	182	+7	...	0.8	...
5.57	Cardiff Prop	215	...	2.4	1.4	...
93.70	Chesterfield	501	+3	11.0	2.7	35.8
5.86	City Site Ests	38	-1	1.4	...	...
5.15	Clarke Nickolls	25	+6	...	...	...
28.10	Conrad Rblat GS	47	...	...	...	...
206.80	Daejan	1269	-1	...	2.7	15.7
4.20	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
44.60	Debenhm Twsn	102	+3	...	3.7	19.9
3.78	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
22.80	Dencora	156	+4	3.0	2.4	...
65.60	Derwent Hldgs	563	+5	8.6	1.9	70.2
49.20	Development Sec	42	+1	...	...	...
6.80	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
17.10	Estates Agency	285	...	3.0	...	26.1
4.49	Estates Gen	21	...	...	...	...
140.60	Evans Of Leeds	212	+6	...	2.7	18.7
32.20	Five Oaks	33	...	...	...	...
5.21	Fletcher King	62	...	1.0	2.0	41.1
224.60	Frogmore	447	-10	16.0	4.6	∞
37.80	Grainger	190	...	5.2	3.5	42.5
659.00	Gr Portland	216	...	...	4.6	20.7
21.90	Greycoat	25	+12	...	...	...
4,137.50	HK Land	154 †	+1	...	4.1	20.3
259.80	Hambro Cntyw	79	+6½	0.5	0.8	...
203.80	Hammerson	383	+2	10.0	3.3	38.4
675.00	-do- 'A'	351	-7	10.0	3.6	35.2
40.60	Helical Bar	250	-7	...	2.4	8.9
29.80	Hemingway	31½	+3	...	...	...
9.28	Herring Baker	58	+1½	...	...	...
2.76	Jermyn	138	-1	3.7	...	14.4
3,430.70	Land Sec	678	+6	22.8	4.2	20.4
234.70	Lon Merch Sec	97	-2	4.0	5.2	15.1
1.85	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
1,913.80	MEPC	493	+13	...	5.1	21.2
4.51	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
36.70	McKay Secs	135	+1	3.5	3.2	18.5
6.41	Markheath	5½	-½	0.5	...	...
5.26	Melvale Mre	38	-½	1.0	...	...
1.32	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
4.40	Moorfield Est	40	...	...	...	...
63.70	Mountview	1300	+100	20.0	1.9	12.9
160.10	Mucklow (A&J)	164	-1	6.1	4.7	∞
5.98	Olives Prop	35	...	1.5	5.4	...
4.55	Ossory Est	5	-½	0.1	...	1.5
189.40	PSIT	156	+4	4.1	3.3	30.9
249.00	Peel	312	+2	4.0	1.6	...
5.81	Power Corp	5	-3	...	...	...
6.64	Property Trust	35	-1	...	...	∞
16.20	Raglan	52	+2	...	...	...
22.80	Regalian	19½	...	...	...	...
16.90	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	35.9
53.70	St Modwen Prp	46	+4	0.6	1.6	35.0
23.70	Savills	64	...	...	2.0	25.3
100.00	Scot Met	103	+3	1.5	...	...
49.60	Shaftesbury	102	...	...	...	...
1.11	Shield	11½	...	...	...	...
976.90	Slough Estates	254	+11	...	4.0	17.8
71.90	Southend Prop	78	-3	...	3.8	...
98.10	Stanhope Prps	35	+3	...	...	...
90.60	Tops Ests	197	+3	2.1	1.3	70.2
127.60	Town Centre	126	+1	3.1	3.1	23.5
52.10	Trafford Park	77	-2	2.8	4.7	∞
1.78	UK Land	41	-4	...	...	...
15.50	Union Square	8	-4	...	...	...
121.00	Warner	249	-1	10.5	5.3	22.7
83.70	Warnford	218	...	7.5	4.3	16.0
2.76	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
118.80	Wates	77 †	-1½	0.7	...	...
5.91	Wood John Da	72	-1	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
0.86	Automagic▲	15	...	...	...	...
61.30	Headlam	180 †	-2	...	1.8	40.6
20.20	Lambert	335 †	+5	13.0	4.9	8.2
11.70	Pittards	54	+7	2.0	...	15.4
44.30	Strong & Fisher	26	...	1.0	4.8	7.2
35.20	Stylo	184	...	...	2.0	70.4
24.60	UK Safety	64	-1	...	0.9	2.1

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
147.00	Allied Text	514	+25	12.6	3.1	16.5
7.45	Beckman (A)	61	...	4.7	...	12.1
3.39	Bolton Gp	36	+3	...	...	18.3
21.40	Br Mohair	161 †	-1	8.5	6.6	15.1
2.56	Chartwell▲	41	...	...	...	...
134.60	Claremont Gs	334 †	+2	7.2	2.7	20.9
530.30	Courtauld Text	525	-9	13.6	3.2	18.4
5.38	Cupid▲	20	...	...	...	...
295.20	Dawson	189	-10	...	6.0	14.4
6.99	Drummond	43	-5	...	...	...
9.58	Faupel▲	82	...	...	7.5	12.7
2.29	Foster (John)	20	...	...	...	...
5.97	Gaskell	123 †	-1	4.2	4.3	...
36.30	Hicking Pntcst	220	...	...	2.3	12.1
6.71	Jerome (S)	89	+11	...	...	...
110.70	Lamont	369	-1	12.0	4.1	24.4
95.00	Leeds	500	-15	...	1.8	24.1
10.20	Lister	62	...	0.1	0.2	...
5.52	Lyles (S)	76	-7	3.3	5.6	∞
50.50	Magellan	198	-2	1.4	0.9	...
9.52	Parkland 'A'	166	...	2.0	1.5	...
185.70	Readicut	96½	-4½	...	4.5	18.2
2.33	SEET	58	+8	...	...	...
72.20	Sirdar	135	+9	5.3	5.1	∞
57.30	Stirling Gp	66	...	1.8	3.5	16.2
33.70	Stoddard	48	...	...	3.9	44.0
18.60	Tomkinsons	299	...	11.5	4.8	25.8
9.77	West Trust	39 †	+3	2.5	8.0	∞
17.50	Yorklyde	178	-2	...	3.7	11.7

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
14,211.10	BAT	462	-15	...	5.0	13.8
3,866.30	Rothmans 'B'	638	-6	11.5	2.3	12.6

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
865.80	Assoc Br Ports	462 †	+7	...	2.3	...
4,360.50	BAA	855	+2	...	2.3	21.2
3,434.30	Br Airways	361½	+3	...	3.7	19.9
22.80	Clarkson (H)	100	-6	1.5	1.9	...
26.30	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
1,351.00	Eurotunnel Uts	506	+16	...	...	...
19.70	Fisher (James)	80	...	...	...	...
31.00	IoM Steam	207	...	1.0	1.6	21.5
8.04	Jacobs (J)	35	...	...	4.8	10.9
13.80	Lon O'seas Frs	91	-3	0.5	1.8	...
117.00	Manchstr Sh	2925	+2	...	1.5	16.7
248.20	Mersey Docks	413 †	-12½	4.5	0.2	16.0
96.60	Natl Express	244 †	+34	9.0	2.9	26.1
1,490.30	NFC	269	-1	...	3.6	25.2
503.60	Ocean Group	327 †	+1	6.5	3.1	20.3
25.80	Ocean Wilson	85	+9	...	5.5	...
3,124.70	P & O Dfd	556 †	-1	4.0	7.7	11.8
114.00	P & O 5½%	171	-5	...	6.9	30.2
375.10	Powell Duffryn	570	+1	...	4.0	...
19.30	Seacon▲	198	+15	...	5.0	22.1
193.80	Stagecoach	160	...	...	3.2	12.5
336.30	TNT	59½	-11	...	3.0	∞
300.10	Tibbett & Britn	680	-3½	...	...	...
278.00	Tiphook	253	-8	11.8	2.2	26.3
379.20	TDG	259 †	-11	...	9.5	...
			+2	...	4.6	8.6

WATER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,557.00	Anglian Water	526	-17	...	5.0	10.7
58.10	Mid Kent Hdgs	340	...	...	3.9	12.6
426.50	Northumbrian	600	-12	...	4.5	6.5
1,500.00	North West	511	-21	...	5.2	9.1
1,906.30	Severn Trent	531	-22	...	5.0	8.5
719.60	Sthrn Water	552	-17	...	4.8	9.2
85.40	Sth Staffs	1525	-40	47.0	3.9	10.9
701.70	South West	560	-24	...	5.3	9.2
2,101.10	Thames Water	536	-15	...	4.9	10.5
871.60	Welsh Water	604	-18	...	4.9	6.1
776.90	Wessex Water	625	-21	...	4.3	9.4
1,072.30	Yorkshire W	538	-21	...	4.9	9.1

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; ■ Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,065	Treas 13¼% 1993	101	-⅛	13.61	5.69
2,100	Treas 8½% 1994	100	-⅛	8.42	5.55
550	Treas 14½% 1994	103¾	-¼	13.99	5.51
1,100	Exch 13½% 1994	104	-⅛	12.93	5.55
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	102	-⅛	9.71	5.56
1,240	Exch 12½% 1994	105	-⅛	11.80	5.49
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	103	-⅛	8.69	5.60
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	108	...	11.11	5.58
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	97 †	+⅛	3.07	4.63
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	+⅛	9.52	5.65
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	113	-⅛	11.23	5.81
770	Treas 14% 1996	117	-⅛	11.96	5.91
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	121	-⅛	12.52	6.03
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	...	11.31	6.03
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	110	-⅛	9.04	6.17
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	-⅛	11.01	6.32
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	112	-⅛	9.32	6.29
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	109	-⅛	8.07	6.27
830	Exch 15% 1997	129	-⅛	11.54	6.50
3,580	Exch 9¾% 1998	112	-⅛	8.69	6.44
6,250	Treas 7¼% 1998	103	-⅛	7.00	6.34
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101 †	...	6.68	6.13
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	128	-⅛	10.92	6.78

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
935	Treas 15½% 1998	137 †	-⅛	11.31	6.65
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	122	+⅛	9.81	6.75
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	112	...	8.44	6.61
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	124	+⅛	9.84	6.81
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	117	+⅛	8.94	6.70
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	117	+⅛	8.73	6.72
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	112	+⅛	8.03	6.65
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	132	+⅛	9.85	6.97
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	117	+⅛	8.52	6.94
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	117	+⅛	8.28	7.03
4,350	Treas 8% 2003	107	+⅛	7.44	6.90
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	120	-⅛	8.29	7.06
1,620	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	124 †	+⅛	9.24	7.20
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	79	+⅛	4.38	6.06
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	117 †	+⅛	8.07	7.15
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	117 †	+⅛	8.06	7.18
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	135	+⅛	9.21	7.40
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	105 †	+⅛	7.58	7.15
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	129	+⅛	9.10	7.36
5,497	Treas 8½% 2007	111	+⅛	7.66	7.21
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	143	+⅛	9.39	7.41

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	115 †	+/-	7.76	7.23
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	106	+/-	7.49	7.26
4,273	Conv 9% 2011	116	+/-	7.70	7.29
5,150	Treas 9% 2012	117	+/-	7.68	7.29
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	86	+/-	6.39	6.85
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	105	+/-	7.35	7.24
4,350	Treas 8% 2013	107	+/-	7.45	7.29
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	146	+/-	8.17	7.46
6,500	Treas 8¾% 2017	116	+/-	7.52	7.29

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	47	+/-	7.30	..
475	Treas 2½%	33 †	+/-	7.43	..

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Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	135	+/-	...	0.01
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	200	+/-	1.55	2.42
600	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	110 †	+/-	1.95	2.58
1,350	Treas IL 2½% 2001	169	+/-	2.65	3.01
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	166	+/-	2.80	3.10
600	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	113 †	+/-	2.83	3.11
1,550	Treas IL 2% 2006	178	+/-	2.82	3.05
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2009	160	+/-	2.96	3.16
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2011	167	+/-	2.99	3.18
2,150	Treas IL 2½% 2013	138	+/-	3.02	3.19
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2016	140	+/-	3.05	3.21
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2020	144 †	+/-	3.10	3.24
1,700	Treas IL 2½% 2024	121	+/-	3.10	3.22



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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Wicks the front runner to head EC committee

SIR Nigel Wicks, second permanent secretary to the Treasury, is front runner in the competition to succeed Jean-Claude Trichet as head of the secretive body that co-ordinates monetary policy between European Community members. The EC monetary committee, which was at the centre of efforts to contain the market pressures forcing the effective suspension of the exchange-rate mechanism in August, meets in Brussels today to choose a chairman and consider the latest movements on the foreign exchange markets.

M Trichet is stepping down as chairman of the committee to become governor of the French central bank, where he fills the seat left vacant by Jacques de Larosière, the new president of the London-based European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Sir Nigel, Britain's sherpa in the run-up to world economic summits, has worked closely with three prime ministers and had an extensive career in the oil industry. His main rival for the committee chairmanship is Mario Draghi, a senior official at the Italian treasury.

Costain defends chief

COSTAIN, the construction group that made an £84 million cash call last week, has rejected reports that Peter Costain, its chief executive is under pressure from important institutional shareholders to step down. A company spokesman, responding to weekend reports that institutional shareholders, angered by company's poor performance since its £77 million rights issue two years ago, want Mr Costain removed, said there was "no pressure for change and the [management] team has full support".

Lloyd's investment group

PRIVATE individuals and institutional investors are being offered shares in a Lloyd's corporate capital vehicle being set up by Hambro Bank, Murray Lawrence Members' Agency, a Lloyd's agency, and Hoare Govett, the broker. The vehicle, intended to be a listed investment company, is raising £50 million to invest in a maximum of 25 Lloyd's syndicates. The first dividend will be paid next year, based solely on the income stream from the investment portfolio. Dividends will start to reflect underwriting returns in 1997.

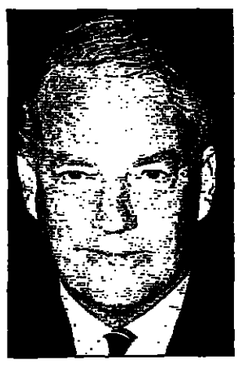
Do It All under review

BOOTS and WH Smith have confirmed that they are in the middle of a "thorough review" of Do It All, their troubled do-it-yourself chain. However, they rejected weekend press reports that they had already decided on a programme of store closures. The review, which also covers the stores portfolio, is expected to be concluded by the end of the year. A spokesman for Boots said that a report that 50 of the 220 stores would be sold off or closed could be "only speculation" at the present stage.

Merger by Scapa

SCAPA, the Blackburn industrial materials group, is merging its European operations to form Scapa Scandia, which will be Europe's biggest company dedicated to the design and supply of engineered fabrics for the pulp and paper industry. Scapa reported a record group pre-tax profit of £47 million on turnover of £347 milllion in the year ended in March. The move brings together the operations of Scapa Porritt and Scandiafelt, the Swedish firm Scapa bought for £36 million. Scapa Scandia will have a combined turnover of £50 million.

Fenchurch to be floated



FENCHURCH, the independent insurance group chaired by Rupert Hambro, will be floated on the stock market next month after first demerging its Lloyd's of London members' agent to allay would-be investors' fears about potential liabilities from the troubled Lloyd's market. The group said yesterday that it had appointed Tom Frost, right, chairman of the London Clearing House, and Ian Clubb, finance director of the BOC Group, as non-executive directors.

REPORTING THIS WEEK

Analysts in the dark at Amstrad

AMSTRAD, the consumer electronics group headed by Alan Sugar, brings its full-year trading figures to the market on Tuesday, with analysts largely shooting in the dark with their forecasts.

It is understood that the company has not held a presentation for brokers for about a year and the market range of forecasts stretches from losses of £23 million to profits of £13 million. This compares with pre-tax losses of £71 million incurred last time.

Paul Norris, at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, is forecasting pre-tax profits of £7 million after £13.5 million of exceptional charges set aside for stock writedowns and reorganisation. Mr Norris believes that the total dividend will be maintained at 0.4p.

Analysts will be homing in on the current state of the personal computer industry, and will be seeking progress reports on the electronic organisers that were launched recently.

Further attention will be directed on how Amstrad's business is doing in the areas of satellite dishes and mobile telephones, after a deal was completed last month.

One analyst said: "This one is difficult to call as Amstrad has been a bit of a black box of a company for the past 18 months."

Chris McFadden, at Smith New Court, said Amstrad has become a much more broadly based consumer product company because one of its main problems in the computer market was that "it can't undercut the competition any more".



Answering the call to diversify, Alan Sugar's Amstrad now trades in mobile telephones

TODAY

Interims: Bilton, Bisichi Mining, BLP Group, Capital & Regional Properties, Eidos, Jove Investment Trust, London & Associated Inv Trust, North British Canadian Invmt, QS Hldgs. **Finals:** none announced.

Economic statistics: credit business (Aug), monetary statistics (including bank and building society balance sheets, bank and building society sterling, lending and M4 quarterly sectoral analysis (Aug) and M0 figures (Sep); bill turnover statistics (Aug), sterling commercial paper (Aug), money market statistics (Aug).

TOMORROW

Silentnight, the furniture maker that is one of Europe's biggest bed manufacturers, is forecast to come in with interim pre-tax profits of £5.5 million (£4.1 million), according to NatWest Securities. The broker thinks earnings per share will rise from 6p to 7.9p and that the interim dividend will be boosted to 2.5p, against 2.25p last time.

NatWest expects a picture of improved trading to be painted, with the cabinet division having done particularly well. Revenue improvements are also expected in the bed division, and the US business is expected to have reached break-even after losses last time.

Interims: Baillie Gifford Tech, Doeflex, Fine Decor, Johnston Group, Silentnight Holdings, Walker Greenbank.
Finals: Amstrad, A Beckman, James Halstead, Raine, Barry Wehmiller Intl.
Economic statistics: UK official reserves (Sep), house renovations (Q2).

WEDNESDAY

Nick Collier, at Morgan Stanley, has pencilled in pre-tax profits of £105 million for Bank of Scotland's half-time figures. This compares with £74.2 million in the same period last year. He believes the dividend will increase from 1.77p to 1.9p. He said: "I think there will be a strong increase in operating profits as the bank benefits from improved margins resulting from the fall in interest rates."

On the downside, he thinks bad debts will have deteriorated from £137.8 million last time to £175 million.

Austin Reed, the clothing retailer, should break back into the black at the halfway stage, according to NatWest Securities.

It forecasts pre-tax profits of £500,000, against losses of £400,000 incurred last time, as positive sales growth of about 6 per cent comes through from the retail division to help offset a disappointing spring for the manufacturing arm. NatWest believes the dividend will be pegged at 2p.

Interims: Abbott Mead Vickers, Bank of Scotland, David Brown, Durban Roodepoort Deep, East Rand Property Mines, Grampian Holdings, Harmony Gold Mining, Hewden Steward, Kleinwort Endowment Pol, Austin Reed, REA Holdings, Time Products. **Finals:** Manchester United, Ex-Lands, Paramount, Whitegate Leisure. **Economic statistics:** Oversees travel and tourism (July), advance energy statistics (June-Aug).

THURSDAY

Jeremy Withers-Green, at Credit Lyonnais Laing, believes that Higgs & Hill, the construction company, will announce it has reached break-even at half time, compared with profits of £700,000 last time, and that the dividend will be held at 1p.

Analysts think the construction division may have lost money but that the housing and property arms may have made positive contributions. They will be looking for signs that efforts to control costs are being made because the building market has shown few signs of upturn.

Etam, the women's wear group, is expected to show interim sales up by about 5 per cent, while analysts probe whether the group is experiencing competition at the cheaper end of the market. Mark Josefson, at Panmure Gordon, forecasts pre-tax profits of £1.85 million (£1.66 million) and a rise in the dividend to 1.75p (1.65p).

Interims: Higgs & Hill, Abbeycrest, Anglo American Inv Trst, Beradin Holdings, Camperi Intl, Clarke Nicholls & Coombs, Etam, TJ Hughes, Lamont Holdings, London & Overseas Freighter, Martin Intl Holdings, MR Data Management, Padan Senang, Singapore Rubber. **Finals:** Allied Leisure, Burn Stewart Distillers, Galliford, Lloyds Chemists, Merivale Moore, Prestwick Holdings, Renishaw.
Economic statistics: Details of employment, unemployment, earnings, prices and other indicators; cyclical indicators for the UK economy (Aug — 1st estimate).

FRIDAY

Interims: A Cohen & Co, Hi-Tec Sports, Radamec.
Finals: Trace Computers.
Economic statistics: none.

MARTIN FLANAGAN

NHS move 'threatens profits of chemists'

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

CHANGES in the way NHS prescriptions are paid could lose chemists about £50 million a year in profits, according to a study by Verdict, the retail consultant.

In an attempt to rein in spending, the health department wants to close the gap that has opened up between the amounts pharmacies pay for drugs and the amounts they can reclaim through the drug tariff. Last year, the tariff was amended to bring prices more into line with generic prices, and more drugs have been shifted from prescription only to over-the-counter sales.

Verdict said that the moves would have a significant impact on pharmacies' profitability, given that NHS revenues account for 48 per cent of total chemists' sales. The increasing number of prescriptions, combined with the greater cost per prescription, saw chemists' NHS receipt income leap by 11.5 per cent to £3.7 billion last year.

Small independent pharmacies will suffer more than the multiple retailers. Although the independents now account for 70 per cent of all pharmacy outlets, Verdict believes the coming years will see widespread rationalisation of Britain's 12,000 stores.

The big retail chains are not getting it all their own way as price competition grows. Although Verdict does not anticipate a full-blown price war, it expects "a larger scale realignment of prices in chemists' product markets".

AIB seeks record damages

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

THE biggest commercial court case in the Irish Republic opens in Dublin this week, when Allied Irish Banks (AIB), the country's largest bank, asks the High Court to award about Ir£500 million (£475 million) against Ernst & Young, the auditor, over the effective collapse of Insurance Corporation of Ireland, AIB's subsidiary, in March 1985.

The bank is joined by Billy McCann, the government-appointed administrator, who has run the shell of the insurer for eight years. The plaintiff claimed that Ernst & Winney, as it was then known, signed off the insurer's accounts from 1978 to 1983, in spite of the insurer's failure to provide adequately for future claims. The defendants strenuously deny the allegations made against them.

The bank has agreed to split any award with the government's administrator. AIB's share would be Ir£250 million.

The case re-opens old wounds for AIB, which made a disastrous acquisition and then depended on government and competitors to help bail it out. At the time, the Irish government feared that a run on AIB would lead to the collapse of the Irish banking system.

The court will hear of risks underwritten by the insurer. Among its bad calls were:

- It indemnified the US baseball industry against a players' strike.
- It covered Europe's Arianne space programme.
- It covered the Australian telephone company against bush fires damaging the phone network.

Special premises have been rented for the hearing, which is expected to last up to three years. More than 2 million documents have been exchanged by the parties. Nine senior barristers have been retained at an average fee of more than Ir£2,000 a day. If the case lasts for three years, the nine could earn more than Ir£1 million each.

Greycoat advisers stand by valuation

BY CARL MORTISHED

PREFERENCE shareholders who are opposing the rescue by Postel of Greycoat were not impressed by news that the property group's valuers were sticking to their July forced sale value of assets of £366 million after a review last month.

A spokesman for Gruss and Partners, which currently owns 14 per cent of the preference shares, said it would not be concerned if the Postel proposals were approved.

Greycoat has repeated its warning in a letter to shareholders that failure to approve the rescue would be likely to lead to it ceasing trading. Peter Thornton, a Greycoat director, said that the company did not believe Goldman Sachs, the investment bank, would vote against the Postel proposals.

The Postel plan offers preference shareholders only 40p for every £1 share plus a cut in dividend. Gruss and Partners and Goldman Sachs, which has acquired 8 per cent, are reported to have questioned the valuation of the properties.

Greycoat's letter says the company's advisers, St Quintin and DTZ Debenham Thorpe, found no increase in the value of the properties since July with the exception of a marginal rise in Britannic House.

Greycoat's 6 per cent interest in Victoria Plaza was sold on Friday by Norwich Union, along with its majority interest, to the tenant, Salomon Brothers, for £80 million.

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

ABBATIAL
(c) Of or pertaining to an abbacy, abbot, or abbess, adapted from the French *abbatial*, and late Latin *abbatialis*: "He was a public person, a servant to the monking tribe, apparitor to the abbatial mitre."

BACALAO
(a) A cod-fish, adapted from the Spanish *bacallao* a cod-fish, according to early navigators the native name in Newfoundland or the adjacent mainland: "*Cabot him selfe* named these landes *Bacalaos*, bycause that in the seas ther about he found so great multitudes of certeyne bigge fysshes which thinhabitantes eaule Bacalaos."

TAPPEN
(a) The plug by which the rectum of a bear is closed during hibernation, Swedish and Norwegian *tapp-en* the plug: "The tappen is almost entirely composed of pine-leaves, and the various substances which the Bear scratches out of the ants' nests."

TWATTLE
(c) A pygmy or dwarf, origin obscure, the substantive can hardly be related to *twattle* as verb or noun meaning idle chat or to talk idly: Florio, 1598: "*Pigmeo*, a pigmey, a kinde of little man like *Nain*, a dwarfe, or *dandiprat*, an elfe, or twattle: one thats no higher than three horse-loaves."

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Recycling trade swamped as Germany's green dream fades

Ross Tieman picked through the debris of an over-hasty German environmental law and uncovered soaring costs and unusable rubbish



Overwhelmed by a sea of waste at the Troisdorf recycling plant

Gerhard Waetz is remarkably cheerful, given that he and his 25 workers have been rifling through rubbish for the past three months without his company being paid. There used to be 39 more refuse sorters at the Broicher & Grünacher recycling centre in Troisdorf, but Herr Waetz, the manager, had to make them redundant. Germany's pioneering recycling scheme, the Duales System Deutschland (DSD) is almost bankrupt.

A scheme that was supposed to add little more than 2 per cent to the cost of a carton of milk has cost twice its estimate. Troisdorf recycling centre is one of 300 nationwide owed DM700 million. A government bail-out is being organised. But next year, Germans will be obliged to pay an extra DM3.2 billion for packaged goods to fund recycling. The scheme will add about £82 a year to the outgoings of the average family and raise the inflationary pressures that the Bundesbank has fought so hard that Germany has been plunged into recession.

German managers, though chastened, are confident the difficulties will be overcome. But the German débâcle has wider implications. Unilateral action by Germany has made a mockery of the single market rules, obliging companies doing business there to engage in complex licensing, labelling and reprocessing projects. The sheer incompetence of Germany's scheme is damaging the recycling industries of its neighbours, Britain included, and causing German waste to turn up from Ukraine to Indonesia. More alarming is the failure of politicians, bureaucrats and environmentalists to challenge the DSD scheme's intellectual laxity.

John Gummer, Britain's environment minister, is aware that all is not well with the German model. Yet, anxious to demonstrate his green credentials, he has ordered packaging companies in the UK to produce plans for recycling and incinerating between 50 and 75 per cent of all packaging waste by the year 2,000. This will form part of a UK government target to recycle a quarter of all household waste by the turn of the century. European Commissioners are also drawing up their own proposals to impose a steadily-tightening EC recycling regime.

The motive seems simple. The public gets what the public wants. At the end of the 1980s economic boom, people in the north European countries, alarmed at the impact on their lives caused by rising prosperity among their fellow citizens, began to protest.

A wave of environmental opportunism seized politicians. Now, when many European citizens are more worried about unemployment, their leaders are finally tackling yesterday's issues. Recycling of packaging is an easy target: it costs governments nothing. Ministers seen being tough on Big Business win brownie points with voters. And because the cost is passed on to customers by manufacturers, ministers escape blame when prices rise.

This is a dangerous game. Voters' concerns over the environment are legitimate and well founded. People may well be willing to pay extra for the psychological comfort of knowing that packaging is properly disposed of. If voters would sooner pay for more recycling plants than better healthcare, they have a right to that choice. And while green concerns may be less urgent during recession, they will resurface as pressure on space and resources grows during recovery. Yet taxpayers have a right to expect any extra financial burden imposed by government, even in voluntary schemes, will make the biggest impact on the problem it aims to solve. This is where the German experience is so salutary. There is no doubt Klaus Töpfer, Germany's environment minister, touched a chord in the German psyche when his packaging ordinance took effect in January.

This set targets to recycle 60 per cent of household glass, 40 per cent of tinplate and 30 per cent of aluminium, paper and plastic packaging. Consumers now have four coloured sacks for waste. Three are provided by the local council, the traditional waste collector. Biological matter goes in brown sacks, paper in green or blue and the rest in black. A fourth, yellow, sack is for packaging. This is collected by a separate truck and processed in a separate system, funded by the DSD.

The DSD's budget is raised through licence fees for use of *der Grüne Punkt*, the green dot recycling sign. Buyers of packages without the sign have the right to return them to the maker. But buying a licence carries an obligation to assist the recycling of packaging products. Simple in theory, a nightmare in practice. German consumers have proved far too efficient at filling the sacks. A torrent of rough-sorted waste has overwhelmed the tiny recycling industry. The Troisdorf receiving station was supposed to divide the contents of the yellow sacks into eight types of packaging for recycling. Mechanical sorting is rudimentary and picking through containers of decaying food by hand is smelly work.

Herr Waetz has abandoned efforts to separate different plastics. Now, instead of being shipped to Bulgaria to be made into new products, they are converted back to low-value oil. Only a tiny fraction of the material collected is really re-usable. With incineration restricted by the ordinance, most of the material still goes to landfill.

Recycling recovered materials is often technically difficult. Tetra Pak, a leader in the German drinks carton market, has spent millions of pounds developing technologies and plants to re-use the paper, aluminium and polyethylene film from which they are made. Cartons are shredded and heated to make construction board, while paper is processed into toilet tissue.

But this is economic madness. Recycling costs often exceed the value of material reclaimed several times over. Even landfill charges 15 times higher than those prevailing in Britain do not make it profitable. Charges for collecting domestic waste have not fallen. The amount of landfill has dipped only marginally. The impact on the environment from more lorry runs, energy used, and so on may well exceed the benefit from recycling a tiny fraction of the country's waste. Günther Rau, Tetra Pak environmental affairs manager, says recycling costs will fall as new technologies are evolved and collection systems improve. While his ethical commitment to recycling is unshakeable, even he is doubtful if it will ever be economic for many materials.

The best way to minimise the impact of human activity on the planet is by efficient use of resources, not dogmatic, inefficient recycling. Comparison of eight European pilot recycling schemes sponsored by the industry-funded European Recovery & Recycling Association shows big variations in rubbish output from country to country.

In Adur, in the south of England, the average home produced 552kg of rubbish a year. In Prato, Italy, the figure was 1,177kg. In Adur, 53 per cent of rubbish was made up of plastic, metal and drinks cartons. In Breda, Holland, it was 30 per cent. Ironically, it appears that a high level of packaging waste in household bins is often a sign of an efficient society in which food waste is cost-effectively recycled by food processors. Italian bins are filled by organic husks and unpackaged food that goes off before it can be eaten. Tastier, but more wasteful. Moreover, the food industry's search for economies has resulted in a fall in the volume of UK packaging over the past 20 years as cartons have become lighter and better designed.

Present evidence suggests power-from-waste plants may well be much more environmentally friendly and cost effective than recycling. For while consumers are keen to be green, they are decidedly iffy about buying other people's hand-me-down packaging.

If Germans wish to waste billions of marks to assuage their guilt over excess consumption that is their affair. The rest of Europe should put the environment before its neuroses and search for cost-effective green solutions.

TEMPUS

Winner takes all

GIVEN that the National Lottery could become a business with a turnover of up to £6 billion a year before the end of decade, it is unsurprising that it is already attracting extreme interest from some heavyweight companies. Last Friday's glitzy launch of Camelot Group, the joint venture between Cadbury Schweppes, De La Rue, Racal, GTECH and ICL, was a fair indication of how intense the bidding will become for the lottery franchise.

At first sight, it appears odd that a sweets and soft drinks company is so keen to diversify into gambling. True, Cadbury Schweppes has an impressive distribution network but there is also a distinctly defensive side to its involvement. The lottery will divert cash from other parts of the economy. While some of this will come from the pools and fruit machines, retailers are convinced that impulse purchases such as chocolate and magazines will suffer as consumers opt for a flutter instead. The fear of spending substitution is likely to prompt other manufacturers and retailers to throw their hats into the ring. Some of them may choose to join with Rank Organisation, which looks keen to form a consortium.

The lottery will not necessarily be such a licence to print money as the impending battle for the franchise might suggest. Admittedly, it will be a huge business. Even if it proves to be one of the smallest of the world's main lotteries, it should still generate annual revenue of £2 billion. But the potential profit margin does not look generous since half the turnover will be returned in prizes, 23 per cent will go to good causes and 12 per cent to the taxman. This leaves 15 per cent for expenses, of which the retailer will probably take a third in commission.

Out of the rest, the lottery operator will have to meet all its expenses and finance a heavy initial investment. Finally, if an efficient operator manages to turn a decent profit despite all this, the government might step in to limit it. Considering the recent woes of British Gas, it is fun to see companies falling over themselves to enter a regulated industry.

Dividends

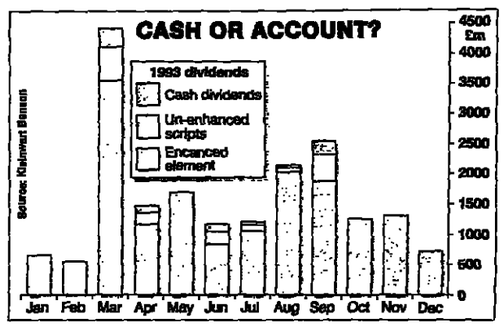
JUDGING by the enhanced scrip dividends from Forte and Redland last week, companies have lost none of their urge to issue paper instead of cash to their shareholders, under the guise of tax efficiency.

According to research from Kleinwort Benson, British companies have declared more than £2.5 billion in enhanced scrip dividends since the first innovative issue from BAT Industries in March. This represents more than an eighth of the total cash dividends that are likely to be announced this year.

The weight of these issues is beginning to have a significant impact on institutional cash flow, cutting it by an estimated 4 per cent this year. Fund managers are happy to allow this while sales of unit trusts and savings plans have been so buoyant and the stock market has been rising, particularly since a refusal to take the paper forces them to accept a dilution of their holding. But the institutions might become distinctly less relaxed about swapping paper for cash if retail investment demand falls now that the long stock market rally has petered out.

The market may also be getting uneasy about the trend that enhanced scrip dividends are setting. At first, companies with severe unrelieved ACT were attracted to the scheme and the tax advantages were substantial. Since then, enhanced scrips have apparently become the easy answer for any group with heavy debts, and the tax issues are used as a handy excuse to hold a mini-rights issue. Norman Lamont promised in his Budget last March that the ACT rules would be reformed, but precious little in the way of detail has since come from the Treasury.

As a result, an anarchic system is growing up in which any public company can dodge its ACT liabilities if its merchant bank is smart enough. This is hardly a stable system of taxation. Kenneth Clarke and his advisers must have an equitable dividend taxation system high on their list of priorities for next month's Budget.



Greycoat

POSTEL'S offer to rescue the insolvent Greycoat has turned into a poker game. Opportunistic investors in the property company's preference shares are threatening to bring down Greycoat's house of cards unless Postel raises the stakes, but the institution is refusing to budge.

The game has also led to an enjoyable side-show as Greycoat's directors, who are recommending the Postel offer, talk down the value of their company's assets to persuade shareholders to vote yes at Friday's meeting.

Greycoat's case (that shareholders would end up with less on a liquidation) however, is a strong one. The experience of the past two years has shown that receivers have even less talent in extracting value from property assets than the managers they have been appointed to replace.

If Postel pulls out, creditors with security over Greycoat's assets will end up calling the shots by putting in their own receivers, who will conduct quick auctions of the saleable properties and charge huge fees for managing the rest.

The recent fall in yields on well-let properties have probably increased the value of some Greycoat buildings, but shareholders who believe Postel is getting Greycoat on the cheap need to consider the cost to them of an alternative. Postel is not doing anyone any favours in rescuing Greycoat but there is no reason why it should.

BNP

THE privatisation of Banque Nationale de Paris gives the lie to anyone who thought the EC has created a single market in financial services. The French government recently announced that all citizens of the EC would be entitled to a priority application for 40 BNP shares, since the advent of the single market bars preferential treatment for its own countrymen. Before British investors reach for their cheque books amidst dreams of the potential stagging gains, there is a snag. Applicants need an investment account at a French bank through which to subscribe, something not every Sid will have. Liberty, fraternity and ... equality as they say.

GILT-EDGED

Index-linked stocks will benefit from falling rates and tax rises

Base rates will be down to 5 per cent by Christmas and stay around that level through 1994. However, the main beneficiaries of lower base rates will be short-dated gilts and index-linked stocks, rather than long-dated conventional gilts.

There are still few signs that lower interest rates have overcome the drag from high private debts and revived private-sector spending. Total private consumption and investment spending in the first half of 1993 was just 0.3 per cent up from the second half of 1992. Weak credit growth and large inflows to unit trusts suggest that the emphasis is still more on savings than spending.

The economic recovery so far mainly reflects net exports and fiscal stimulus rather than private spending. Real public investment in the first half year was 16 per cent up on a year ago. Lower taxes and higher government grants have allowed real after-tax personal incomes to rise over the past two years, despite a plunge in real wages and investment income.

However, exports appear to be faltering, while the fiscal boost is about to go into reverse. Tax increases exceeding £10 billion — equivalent to 5p on all income tax rates — are scheduled for 1994 and 1995. Moreover, the government's spending plans allow for no real growth in non-cyclical public spending over the next two years. Another £3 billion tax increase is likely in the November Budget, mainly through higher indirect taxes. In all, these measures will amount to a fiscal tightening equivalent to about 2 per cent of GDP next year, with further restraint worth an extra 1 per cent of GDP in place in 1995.

The forthcoming fiscal tightening is similar to the 1981 Budget, which was accompanied by a two-point cut in base rates. The Chancellor is again likely to offset fiscal drag with monetary ease and cut base rates to 5 per cent. Fiscal tightening, high private debts and falling interest rates across the Continent point to a long period of low real short-term interest rates.

The downside of fiscal tightening is that rising taxes will add about 1 per cent to both headline and underlying inflation next year and in 1995. The jump in prices will be greater if there is a big indirect tax rise in the Budget.

Core inflation also is likely to drift higher, tracking the recent gain in output price inflation. Thus, both headline and underlying retail price inflation will hit 4 per cent in early 1994 and probably will exceed 4 per cent some time next year.

The tax-driven rise in inflation will not stop the authorities from cutting base rates. The Bank of England has indicated that, for base rate purposes, it will emphasise *core* inflation measures that exclude taxes. These measures will stay well below the government's 4 per cent inflation ceiling. However, the effects of taxes on inflation could dictate the timing of base rate cuts. It would be easier politically to cut base rates in December, just after a tax-raising Budget and with underlying inflation around 3 per cent, than wait until mid-1994, when inflation may exceed 4 per cent.

The prospect of 4 per cent inflation limits the scope for a new rally in long gilts. The break-even inflation rate between long-dated conventional and index-linked gilts is also about 4 per cent. Long gilts therefore offer little premium for risks that economic recovery and rising headline inflation could boost inflation expectations and wage deals next year.

However, index-linked gilts should perform well as real long-term yields fall in response to lower real short-term rates and, next year, the shrinking fiscal deficit. In the US, fiscal tightening and low real short-term rates have cut real long-term yields, comparing 30-year bonds with the current inflation rate, close to 3 per cent. Given that index-linked gilts offer an almost riskless real return, their yield could fall to 3 per cent by the middle of next year, from 3¾ per cent currently.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Ssh, not a word
Sugar's in town

ALAN Sugar, who has often given the impression that he does not suffer the Square Mile gladly, will be offering an olive branch tomorrow, I hear. For the first time in longer than people can remember, he is holding a briefing for City analysts in the Square Mile itself — the Great Eastern Hotel next to Liverpool Street station, to be precise. Traditionally, the number-crunchers have had to trek out to the company HQ in Brentwood, Essex, to get the trading low-down. Says one long-suffering analyst: "It must be five or six years since Sugar gave a presentation in the City. He has not held a meeting of any sort with us for at least a year. This must be bullish." Let's hope the enraged Tottenham fans who have taken to lining lamp-posts outside the High Court don't get wind of it.

Jailhouse rocks

LEON Andrews-Zannetou, founder of Kunick, the amusement machines to nursing homes group, was in prison last week — his own. Since leaving Kunick in 1988, he has shown true creative zeal and turned the old underground prison cells in Clerkenwell, London, into a tourist attraction. The governors of Pentonville and Holloway prisons were on hand for Friday's official launch of the House of Detention, a labyrinth of gloomy cells and passageways under Kingsway College done up to recreate the grim conditions of the 1800s. "We have tried to make it as authentic as possible," says Andrews-Zannetou, who has spent most of the past five years fighting red tape. "There are dozens of tunnels yet to be explored." Famous inmates included Jack Sheppard, the highwayman, who staged a spectacular escape, only to end up swinging from the gallows at Tyburn.

Swinging banker

THE well-known Japanese love of music — as in karaoke bars — appears to be shining through at Nomura International, which has signed up guitar-jamming David Porter to run its UK, Scandinavian and Dutch investment banking operation. Porter, 6ft 5ins, who waterskis and plays guitar for the appropriately-named *Men in Grey Suits*, has been running the banking side of Municipal Insurance for the past five years. He will be better known in the City for a 15-year stint at the former Security Pacific Hoare Govett, rising from trainee to head of international bond trading and sales. "I am combining my industry knowledge with my experience of capital markets," says Porter, 42, who is looking for one or two new faces to build up the team and a singer for the band, so give him a call to arrange an audition.

Monday movers

WHAT is it about Mondays? In a fresh burst of job-changes, oil industry veterans Simon Wharmby and Frank Watts start today at Charles Stanley, a private-client broker looking to expand its institutional base. Wharmby, 45, and Watts, 54, are truly a double-act, having spent 20 years working together on oil sales and research. They most recently had a short spell at fated Carr, Kitcat after a lengthy spell with Sheppards. Elsewhere, David Kidd, former chief investment director at Capital House, has been made chief investment officer and deputy managing director of Cantrade Investment Management, UBS's charity and private client arm, and Smith New Court is about to make markets in domestic and Euroconvertible issues.

THE £50 million British Airways "Dream Ticket" promotion, launched last week, invites passengers to choose from one of 350 dream destinations anywhere in the world. The first request came in on Thursday morning. The fantasy destination? The exotic island of Jersey.

JON ASHWORTH



Custom built — the British show house in Belgium

IT'S big ... it's British ... and it's in Belgium. A five-bedroomed house, British-built with all-British contents, is flying the flag in an exclusive suburb of Antwerp as part of a new export drive. More than 100 British companies, from brick and tile manufacturers to kitchen and furniture firms, are helping create the £600,000 pile, set in one-and-a-half acres next to a Kapellen golf course. Both the trade and environment departments have given their blessing to the project, dreamed up by British Embassy officials in Brussels. The house, designed by Custom Homes International of Redhill, Surrey, will initially act as a trade exhibition centre when it opens in April.

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BBC1

6.30 Business Breakfast (53839)
7.00 Breakfast News (61670384)
9.05 King of the Road. Ross King and Julie Peasgood are joined by Judi Spiers in the Dorset town of Wimborne (s) (5705907) **9.30 One Iron Horse: Handle With Care.** Steam enthusiast Mike Lawrence hauls a 60-ton Great Western tank engine from South Wales to Lancashire (r) (91365)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4729433) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7451471) **10.30 Bunyip** (r) (6569487) **10.35 Best Of British.** Clips from classic films (7755029)
11.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (5438704) **11.05 The High Chaparral** (r) (4038162) **11.55 Breakout.** Carriage driving (r) (1434075)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2549907) **12.05 The 25th Anniversary of the Swimsuit.** Models vie to appear on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*'s swimsuit issue (r) (3117723) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (23042181)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (79758)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (66345278) **1.50 Going for Gold** with Henry Kelly (s) (66349094)
2.15 Knots Landing. American drama serial (s) (8927988) **3.05 Pot Black.** Dennis Taylor v Steve James, Peter Ebdon v Mike Hallett (s) (7081487)
3.50 Juniper Jungle (r) (s) (1181384) **4.00 Bodger and Badger** (s) (3755094) **4.10 Greedysaurus and the Gang** (8914181) **4.15 Star Pets.** A search for talented pets (s) (3056471) **4.35 Albert the 5th Musketeer.** (Ceefax) (s) (6377926)
4.55 Newsround (5373297) **5.05 Blue Peter.** John Leslie revisits the second world war Spitfire renamed *Blue Peter.* (Ceefax) (s) (1712346)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (603051). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (655)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (907). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Telly Addicts. Television trivia quiz (s) (6926)

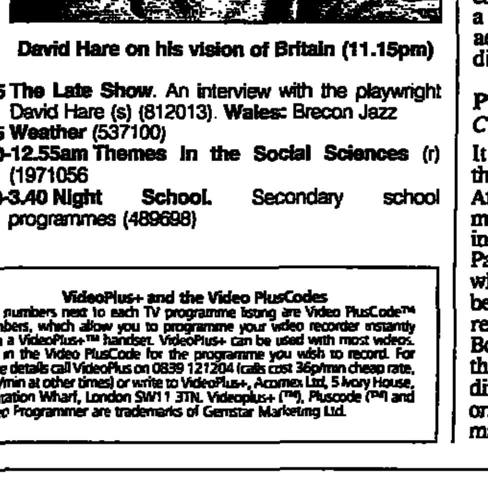


Anne Robinson raises a smoke alarm (7.30pm)

7.30 Watchdog. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (891)
8.00 The Good Life. Suburban self-sufficiency comedy series (r). (Ceefax) (2346). **Wales:** Every Second Counts
8.30 Get Back. The second of an eight-part comedy series starring Ray Winstone as a man beaten but unbowed by the recession. (Ceefax) (s) (4181)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (9617)
9.30 Panorama: Cut Adrift. Huw Edwards asks Conservative party members if John Major can survive the doubts about his leadership (639297)
10.10 A Sense of Guilt. Episode five of the seven-part drama about marital deceit and betrayal (r). (Ceefax) (879988). **Northern Ireland:** Back Page 10.35 A Sense of Guilt 11.25 Film 93 11.55-12.25 Careering Ahead
11.00 Film 93 with Barry Norman. Includes an interview with Maggie Smith and reviews of *Raining Stones, Hard Boiled* and *Young Americans* (s) (4162)
11.30 Careering Ahead. A new series about job opportunities for the older worker (r) (65013)
12.00 Weather (4609327). Ends at **12.05am**
2.00-3.30 BBC Select: Voluntary Sector Television (68211) **3.00 RCN Nursing Update** (67853)

BBC2

6.45 Open University (7590907)
8.00 Breakfast News (9987346)
8.15 Reviving Antiques. Advice on cleaning velvet, tapestry and embroidery (r) (4719636) **8.20 Rock Athlete.** The first of three films by Sid Perou tracing the history of rock climbing (r) (3448704) **8.50 A Week To Remember** (b/w). Pathé newsclips from 40 years ago this week (4751487)
9.00 A Day In the Life Of. The Pyms, rural Suffolk smallholders (r) (8673839)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** Gordon T. Gopher (69485015) **1.30** Christopher Crocodile (78493988) **1.35** PC Pinkerton (78598487)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (49124510) **2.05 Numbertime** (r) (88226723) **2.15 Songs of Praise** from Dunfermline (r) (s) (4725346) **2.50 A Week To Remember** (b/w). As 8.50am (5111623)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (9008162) **3.05 International Athletics.** Highlights from Brussels of the men's and women's World Half-Marathon Cup (7089029) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2814723)
4.00 Holiday Outings. Kathy Tayler explores the Cotswolds (r) (3762384)
4.05 Film: Boom Town (1940, b/w) starring Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, Claudette Colbert and Hedy Lamarr. Cheerfully brawling romantic comedy about two oil prospectors who fall for the same woman. Directed by Jack Conway (55375278)
6.00 The Addams Family (b/w). Vintage ghoulish humour (r). (Ceefax) (455278)
6.25 Def II: Scene – Bhangra Girls. Four Anglo Asian teenage girls form a Bhangra band (463297)
6.55 Def II: Standing Room Only. Last in the football magazine series (s) (706810)
7.30 Tex Avery. A classic cartoon (r) (432487)
7.40 Will To Win: Myth and Reality (s). See Choice (576907)
8.30 Film: Mom's Army (1989) starring Barbara Eden and Hector Elizondo. Weak comedy about a doting mother who follows her son into the army and causes military chaos. Directed by Anson Williams. (Ceefax) (31384)
10.00 Newman and Baddiel in Pieces. Off-beat comedy series starring Rob Newman and David Baddiel. (Ceefax) (s) (56758)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron and Jeremy Paxman. (Ceefax) (769297)



David Hare on his vision of Britain (11.15pm)

11.15 The Late Show. An interview with the playwright David Hare (s) (812013). **Wales:** Brecon Jazz
11.55 Weather (537100)
12.00-12.55am Themes in the Social Sciences (r) (1971056
2.00-3.40 Night School. Secondary school programmes (489698)

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CHOICE



How Viv Anderson made history (BBC2, 7.40pm)

Will to Win: Myth and Reality
BBC2, 7.40pm

The stimulating series on black athletes poses the intriguing question of why they have come to dominate some sports and are virtually absent from others. There are blacks aplenty in boxing, track and field athletics, basketball and American football. But they have made little mark in tennis, swimming or golf. Theories include special genes, natural talent and the greater commitment of the underprivileged. Sometimes it is a question of disproving myths. Until 1978, when Viv Anderson was capped for England, black players were considered to lack the stamina and drive for soccer. The film also considers the other side of the coin, that whites have given up trying to become sprinters because they give themselves so little chance.

Watchdog
BBC1, 7.30pm

Anne Robinson presents a special edition devoted to smoking and particularly smoking among children. The message is either give it up or do not start. The problem is not just youngsters smoking themselves, though by the age of 15 one in five will be doing so regularly. There is also the effect on children of smoking by their parents, which is said to the risk of anything from asthma to cot death. An investigation into cigarette advertising suggests that it has much more influence on youngsters than the tobacco companies like to make out. The claim is supported by a man who should know. Dave Goerlitz used to advertise the American Winston brand but gave up in disgust and now works for cancer charities.

Prostitute: Alain and Thierry
Channel 4, 9.00pm

It seems slightly odd that we are two episodes into this three-part series and have yet to encounter a woman. At least, unlike last week's subjects, Alain and Thierry make no attempt to disguise their gender by dressing in frocks. They are a couple of twentysomething Parisians. Alain is a highly organised professional who gets his clients through a computer database. The bespectacled and suited Thierry is not only an unlikely rent boy but a reluctant one, who hopes to give it up. Both started because they needed the money and, for those seeking psychological explanations, both had difficult relationships with their fathers. We also meet one of Alain's clients, who turns out to be happily married with three children. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Early morning news and entertainment. The guests include Danny La Rue and Jenny Seagrove (6050742)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Game show set in a supermarket managed by Dale Winton (s) (5794891) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7437891)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (s) (1412100)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday family magazine presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (87350181) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2538891)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (4699839)
12.55 Coronation Street. A repeat of Friday's episode. (Teletext) (4770758) **1.25 Home and Away.** Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (32842891) **1.55 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (68333433)
2.20 ITN News headlines (35629100) **2.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (36079641)
2.30 Capital Woman. An examination of the success of the female condom. Plus, aromatherapy for lovers (s) (574) **3.00 The Young Doctors.** Drama serial set in an Australian city hospital (9013)
3.30 Tots TV (s) (4682013) **3.40 Wizadora.** Puppets (1187568) **3.50 Wowser** (1176452) **4.00 Sooty & Co** with Matthew Corbett (2827297) **4.25 Tiny Toon Adventures** (3038075) **4.50 How 2.** Facts and fun series (2629891)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (1739013)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (660907)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (40128)
7.00 The Krypton Factor. Four more contestants compete in six testing rounds of the brawn and brain trials. (Teletext) (1094)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (87)
8.00 Strike It Lucky: Game show hosted by the manic Michael Barrymore. (Teletext) (s) (9182)
8.30 World In Action. Teenagers talk about parenthood and Aids and why they want to start having sex at an early age (6549)



Coltrane, Dunbar in a battle of wits (9.00pm)

9.00 Cracker. The conclusion of the gritty two-part drama starring Robbie Coltrane as a criminal psychologist trying to decide whether the man suffering from amnesia (Adrian Dunbar) is guilty of murdering a woman on a train. (Teletext) (5907)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (70384) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (510013)
10.40 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93. The champion introduces highlights of the last race of the season, at the Leguna Seca raceway in Monterey (858520)
11.40 Magnum. Hawaii-based private detective series starring Tom Selleck (891655)
12.30am The Beat. Music and movie magazine (80211)
1.30 60 Minutes. American news magazine (64056)
2.30 Sport AM. German Masters golf (55872)
3.30 Videofashion. Autumn collections (40196)
4.00 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (r) (s) (28969) **4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema.** American film releases reviewed (r) (97940)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (75230)
5.30 ITN Early Morning News (80501). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Cartoon series about a cat (5085568) **6.45 Wowser.** Animated adventures of a dog and his friends (8424162)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (89181)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (57433)
9.30 Schools: Geography Start Here! (4838471) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (4826094) **10.02** Science Start, Here! (5791988) **10.18** World Studies (5703723) **10.40** The English Programme (7655075) **11.07** Time for Maths (4074346) **11.18** Your World (4098926) **11.30** Rat-A-Tat-Tat (8434655) **11.45** Junior Technology (8422810)
12.00 Right To Reply. A repeat of Saturday's programme, presented by Sheena McDonald, which included comment on *Panorama*'s programme on single mothers' benefits and Channel 4's coverage of *The Times* World Chess Championship (Teletext) (s) (77297)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series. The guest is actor Danny Glover (16365) **1.30 Bobobobs.** Environmental cartoon series set in space' (r) (87162)
2.00 Film: You Can't Have Everything (1937, b/w) starring Alice Faye, Don Ameche and the Ritz Brothers. Lively musical comedy about a playwright who falls for a writer who turns her serious play into a hit Broadway musical. Directed by Norman Taurog (621926)
3.50 A Note From Above. Animation about divine error and human gullability (2809891)
3.55 Garden Club. Friday's programme in which Roy Lancaster, Rebecca Pow and Matthew Biggs visited the Vale of Evesham. (Teletext) (4203452)
4.30 Fifteen To One. The start of a new series of the fast-moving general knowledge quiz contest. The question-master is William G. Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (100)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's topical chat and music show, hosted by Gay Byrne (s) (8907)
6.00 Batman. The caped crusader and boy wonder do battle with Mr Freeze (George Sanders) (365)
6.30 The Wonder Years. American comedy series about growing up in the late 1960s. Starring Fred Savage (r). (Teletext) (617)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (7365)
8.00 Brookside. Topical soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (8384)
8.30 Desmond's. Gentle comedy set in a Peckham, South London, barber's shop. (Teletext) (s) (7891)
9.00 Prostitute: Alain and Thierry. In French with English subtitles. See Choice (3549)
10.00 I'll Fly Away. American drama series set in the Deep South at the height of racial unrest. Starring Sam Waterston. (Teletext) (s) (6635)
11.00 The American Football Big Match introduced by Gary Imlach (856487)



On the fringe of society in *Hoi Polloi* (12.20am)

12.20am Midnight Underground. The fifth in the ten-part series of experimental films includes Kan Jacobs's *Little Stabs at Happiness*, animator Robert Breer's *Gulls and Buoys*, Andrew Kotting's *Hoi Polloi*, about people living on the edge of society, and *Pull My Daisy*, which he made with Alfred Leslie (5594056). Ends at **1.35**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Glitter and Twisted: Noddy Holder of Slade looks at the revival of 1970s culture **9.00** Out on Blue Six **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton with the Best of Jazz **10.00** Traditionally British: The phenomenon of "trad" (1/6) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: English 9-11; **9.20** Infant History; **9.30** The Song Tree: Music Course 1; **9.45** Lets Move!; **10.05** History 9-11 **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Baby Talk **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** *Sportsbeat* **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** The Green Hornet **7.15** The Cricket in Times Square, by George Selden. Read by Kerry Shale (r) **7.30** Champion Sport: FA Premiership Manchester City v Oldham **9.30** X Minus One **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.30am** BBC English **5.45** News and Press Review in German **6.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** British News **7.15** The Cello on Record **7.30** Europe Today **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** From Hoplite to Hamer: A Radio History of Warfare **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Health Matters **9.30** Anything Goes **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Western Philosophers in a Nutshell **10.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Pilgrimages of Hope **11.30** The Vintage Chart Show **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** BBC English **12.45** Mittagsmagazin **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Let's Do the Show Right Here **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: *A Girl in Winter* **3.45** Points of the Compass **4.00** News **4.15** Hair: A Critical Celebration **5.00** News **5.10** British News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** BBC English **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** News in German **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Europe Today **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** British News **11.15** Meridian **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** On Screen **12.30** Multitrack 1 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** The Litmus Test **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Folk Routes **2.45** Health Matters **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Let's Do the Show Right Here **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** Sport **4.30** John Peel **5.00** News **5.15** Health Matters

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Haydn (Horn Concerto No 1 in D: Barry Tuckwell) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Close Encounters of a Musical Kind **8.00** Evening Concert: Delius (Sea Drift), Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 1, Sea Symphony) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Wendy Lloyd

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 2.30-3.00 The Good Yarn Show (574) **5.10-5.40** Swot Or Wot? (1739013) **6.00** Home And Away (442704) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (308907) **10.30** Anglia News And Weather (510013) **10.40-11.10** Marquee (580556) **11.10** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (641452) **12.10am** Love And War (4854389) **12.35** Tropical Heat (8914637) **1.35** Sport AM (3693766) **2.35** Donahue (2564698) **3.25** The Beat (7758785) **4.20** Night Shift (10443211) **4.30** Riviera (97940) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (75230)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55-2.20 Shortland Street (66333433) **2.30** Highdays and Otherdays (574) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (9013) **5.10-5.40** Animal Country (1739013) **6.00** Home And Away (442704) **6.25-7.00** Central News (308907) **10.30** Central News (510013) **10.40** It's A Living (580556) **11.10** Pro Box Classics (641452) **12.10am** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (1954389) **1.10** Sail The World (8209698) **1.40** Coach (5317327) **2.10** Film: The Siege Of Pinchgut (577292) **4.05** Job Finder (2600650) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8867389)

GRANADA

As London except: 2.30 Gardeners' Diary (574) **3.00-3.30** Sons and Daughters (9013) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games And Videos (1739013) **6.00** Home And Away (723) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (425) **10.30** Granada News (871656) **10.35** Granada Business Week (870907) **10.40** Being There (580556) **11.10** Film: Taste Of Evil (134162) **12.35am** Tropical Heat (8914637) **1.35** Sport A.M. (3693766) **2.35** Donahue (2564698) **3.25** The Beat (7758785) **4.20** Night Shift (10443211) **4.30** Riviera (97940) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (75230)

HTV WEST

As London except: 2.30-3.00 Yan Can Cook (574) **6.00-7.00** HTV News (40128) **10.30** HTV News & Weather (510013) **10.40** Married With Children (580556) **11.10** Foley Square (955162) **11.40** The War Of The Worlds (266810) **12.35am** Tropical Heat (1580653) **1.40** Sport AM (3692037) **2.40** Donahue (2554211) **3.30** The Beat (7974476) **4.25** Night Shift (99137969) **4.30** Riviera (55559308) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00pm Wales At Six (723) **6.30-7.00** Primetime (425) **10.30** HTV Wales News & Weather (510013) **10.40** Dennis O'Neill (752907) **11.25-11.40** World Cup Hall Of Fame (865100) **1.35am** Sport AM (3693766) **2.35** Donahue (2564698) **3.25** The Beat (7758785) **4.20-4.30** Night Shift (10443211) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (75230)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 2.30 Houseparty (574) **3.00-3.30** Shortland Street (9013) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (723) **6.30-7.00** Spirit Of The South: Nature Lands (425) **10.30** Meridian News & Weather (510013) **10.40** The Hidden Room (580556) **11.10** Confidential (955162) **11.40-12.30pm** Beverly Hills 90210 (891655) **2.30am-3.30** Sport A.M. (55872) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (75230)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 2.35-3.00 An Invitation To Remember (9589075) **5.55** Tyne Tees News (547461) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (425) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (510013) **10.40** In A City Art (580556) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (912452) **12.05am** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (7723263) **12.35** Film: Doctor Francoise Gailland (831940) **2.30** Entertainment U.K. (55872) **3.30** ITV Chart Show (7974476) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (8081308)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55-2.20 The Young Doctors (66333433) **2.30** Gardening Time (574) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (9013) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (40128) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (510013) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (580556) **11.10** The Trials Of Rosie O'Neill (912452) **12.05am** Coach (2573560) **12.30** My Story (8291679) **12.35** Tropical Heat (8914637) **1.35** Sport AM (3693766) **2.35** Donahue (2564698) **3.25** The Beat (7758785) **4.20** Night Shift (10443211) **4.30** Riviera (97940) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (75230)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 2.35-3.00 An Invitation To Remember (9589075) **5.55** Calendar News (547461) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (425) **10.30** Calendar News (510013) **10.40** Local Hero (580556) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (912452) **12.05am** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (7723263) **12.35** Film: Doctor Francoise Gailland (831940) **2.30** Entertainment U.K. (55872) **3.30** ITV Chart Show (7974476) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (8081308)

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Starts: 9.00 You Bet Your Life (57433) **9.30** Schools (247487) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (77297) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (88891) **1.00** Roseanne (99568) **1.30** Hangin' With Mr Cooper (87162) **2.00** Film: Bell Bottom George (607346) **3.45** Wowser (4669162) **4.00** Slot 23 (9471) **5.00** Batman (2100) **5.30** Countdown (452) **6.00** Newyddion (556471) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (709636) **6.25** Heno (306549) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (9636) **7.30** Cymru (29) **8.00** Penblwydd Hapus (8384) **8.30** Newyddion (7891) **9.00** Sgorio (3549) **10.00** Brookside (78926) **10.30** Cheers (54346) **11.00** American Football (126758) **12.10am** I'll Fly Away (3581872)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Running the Country European Regionalisation **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Purcell (Trumpet Sonata in D); Grieg (Norwegian Dances, Op 35); Mozart (Violin Concerto No 2 in D, K211); Weber, orch Berlioz (Invitation to the Dance), Handel (Duet, Sona liete, fortunate); Martinů (Serenade No 1)
9.00 Composer of the Week: François Couperin (Trio Sonata, La Steinquerque; Ordre No 25, Book 4; Trio Sonata, L'Impériale; Motet, Domine, salvum fac regem; Concert Royal No 4)
10.00 Musical Encounters: Chris de Souza presents music by younger composers. Liszt (Overture and Ballet Music, Don Sanche); Anthony Milner (Mass, Op 3), Medtner (Three Nightsongs, Op 16); Ravel (Piano Concerto in G); Nielsen (Little Suite, Op 1); Medtner (Two Canzonas with Dances, Op 43); Anthony Milner (Praise the Lord of Heaven, Op 13 No 3); Bax (What is it Like to be Young and Fair?); Wagner (Overture in D minor)
12.00 The Violinist as Composer: Duncan Druce on the work of Ysaye, Kreisler and Enesco
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: St Petersburg Glinka State Choir performs Rachmaninov's Vespers, Op 37
2.10 Lars Vogt, plays Haydn (Piano Sonata in C minor, H XVI 20); Tatiana Komarova (Sonata); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in C minor, Op 111) (r)
3.10 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Concert Orchestra under David Measham performs Edward German (Symphony No 2, Norwich)
3.45 César Franck: Gillian Weir performs Franck's complete organ music (r)
4.30 Keyboard à la King Max Harrison examines Nat King Cole's trio format (3/6)
5.00 In Tune: Andrew Green talks to the violinist Ruggiero Ricci
7.30 A Garland of Song: Alison Wells, soprano, Martyn Parry, piano, perform Alexander Goehr (In Theresienstadt); Lili Boulanger (Vous m'avez regardé ave toute votre âme; Les Lilas qui avaient fleurs; Deux Ancolis); Robin Holloway (Wherever we may be); Chaminade (Trahison L'Eté) (r)
8.10 Inherit the Truth: Colin McLaren's adaptation of a memoir by Anita Lasker-Wallfisch, a cellist in the orchestra at Auschwitz
8.30 EBU Concert: Frankfurt Radio Symphony Orchestra under Dmitri Kitayenko performs Ligeti (Requiem); Berndt Alois Zimmermann (Nobody knows de trouble I see, Trumpet Concerto). **9.20** The Sound of Light: David Huckvale discusses the mystical influences on Scriabin's Prometheus. **9.40** Scriabin (Prometheus, Poem of Fire)
10.10 Italian Violin Music: Fontana (Sonate Undecima); Castello (Sonata Secunda a Soprano Solo: Sonate Duodecima); Uccellini (Violin Sonata, Op 4 No 5); Merula (Chiacona in C)
10.45 Mixing It: Re-workings of classics by the Beach Boys and David Bowie
11.30 Music Restored: York Early Music Festival. Wyneke Jordans and Leo van Doeselaar play fortepiano duets by Clementi, Mozart and Beethoven **12.30am News**
1.00-2.30 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.00 Night School Extra

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** Oh Mary, Don't You Cry Any More: Julie Christie reads a story by Fay Weldon **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week: Melvyn Bragg's guests are the comedian Ben Elton, author Martin Amis, Ghillean Prance, director of Kew Gardens, and gene expert Pat Spillone
10.00-10.30 Inspiration (FM only): From the Museum of the Moving Image, London, Chris Stuart chairs a quiz on inventions, designs and discoveries. With Ian McCaskill, Bob Symes and Irene Thomas
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only) from the University of Glasgow
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Psalms. Read by Hannah Gordon (6/8)
10.30 Woman's Hour dedicates the next half hour to Daphne du Maurier, as Harriet Walter begins to read *Mrs De Winter*, Susan Hill's sequel to *Rebecca.* Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444. Lines open from 10am
12.00pm News; You and Yours
12.25 Round Britain Quiz 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Roland's Afterlife: Frederick Bradnum's comedy about spiritual rebirth stars Derek Fowlds, Melinda Walker and Sheila Hancock (r)
3.15 Whackademics: A new series about eccentric research projects. Author David Stafford discovers an academic who brings extinct birds back to life, meets a researcher who feeds porridge to exotic snails and visits an Oxford don who claims Scottish country dancing is the greatest cause of human happiness (1/4)
3.30 Eureka: Mike Burrows, who designed the bike on which Chris Boardman won Olympic gold, talks to Barbara Myers
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews *The Absence of War,* David Hare's trilogy at the National Theatre; plus, how to enter the Young Radio Critic of the Year competition
4.45 Short Story: Flashman (r). See Choice
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Holus Bolus. See Choice
9.00 Silkies: Adrian Mourby reports on life among single income families with lots of kids (r)
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: It All Began With Growcott. An autobiographical memoir by Sir Ralph Richardson. Adapted and performed by Martin Jarvis (1/5)
11.00 You Heard It Here First: The Hitch-Hikers Guide to the Galaxy (r)
11.30 Benny's Boys: Geoffrey Smith looks at Benny Goodman's small groups in the late 1940s. Last in the series (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

The Monday Play: Holus Bolus. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*
Steve Walker has done it again. He writes comical plays such as *The Pope's Brother* and *Mickey Mookey* in which fantastic ideas shoot out of each other in manic profusion and were rewarded by winning Giles Cooper awards offered annually by the BBC. *Holus Bolus* is Walker *in excelsis*, a baroque extravaganza about a laboratory experiment to transfer personalities from one host body to another. In a flash, a Yorkshire department store boss, played by Peter Woodthorpe, becomes a Soviet president. And that, as they say, is just for starters. . .

Short Story: Flashman. *Radio 4, 4.45pm.*
When last heard of in *Tom Brown's Schooldays*, Flashman the bully was being booted out of Rugby school. A cavalry officer now, but still a cad and coward, he is lustily reanimated in the first of George MacDonald Fraser's *Flashman* novels, which Ian Cuthbertson reads with exactly the right degree of insufferable smugness. In episode one, like a greyhound slipped from his leash, he makes for a mill-owner's brainless but beautiful daughter. **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (23469265) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (8426810) **9.00** Cartoons (13013) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (40655) **10.00** Card Sharks (87641) **10.30** Concentration (19297) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (35384) **12.00** Three's Company (16079) **12.30pm** E Street (44471) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (49926) **2.00** Roots: The Next Generation (37100) **3.00** Another World (5669891) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5924655) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7297) **6.00** Games World (4839) **6.30** E Street (8891) **7.00** Rescue (8926) **7.30** Full House (4075) **8.00** A Town Like Alice: Concluding the mini series starring Bryan Brown and Helen Morse (79181) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (as 5pm) (65988) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (23549) **12.00** The Outer Limits (13414) **1.00am** Night Court (71501) **1.30-2.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (44430)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (8095758) **9.30** Roving Report (74167) **10.30** The Book Show (84365) **11.30** Japan Business Today (97617) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (88181) **1.30** CBS Morning News (89810) **2.30** The Book Show (35636) **3.30** Travel Destinations (15723) **4.30** World News Business Report (1988) **5.00** Live at Five (348100) **7.30** Special Report (2617) **9.30** Talkback (14013) **11.30** CBS Evening News (58669) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (33327) **1.30** Special Report (95940) **2.30** Travel Destinations (25230) **3.30** Talkback (58637) **4.30** Special Report (15282) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (28785)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (5797655)
10.00 Delirious (1991): John Candy becomes a character in a soap opera (28497)
12.00 The Ambushers (1968): Dean Martin plays secret agent Matt Helm (81075)
2.00pm Loving Couples (1980): A husband and wife, Shirley MacLaine and James Coburn, indulge in affairs (89568)
4.00 Cactus Flower (1969): Comedy about a dental surgeon who enlists his prim assistant to pose as his wife. With Walter Matthau and Ingrid Bergman (5029)
6.00 Delirious (as 10am) (69704)
8.00 Taking Back My Life (1992): A rape victim, *thirtysomething*'s Patricia Wettig, campaigns for justice (20811723)
9.40 UK Top Ten (202549)
10.00 Revenge (1989): Kevin Costner becomes involved with his friend's wife. With Anthony Quinn (18695742)
12.05am Bed of Lies (1992): Susan Dey as an abused politician's wife (695132)
1.45 The Don Is Dead (1973): Gangster thriller starring Anthony Quinn and Frederic Forrest (581211)
3.45 Fugitive Among Us (1991): A hard-nosed detective turns the hunt for a rapist into a personal vendetta. With Peter Strauss and Eric Roberts (824308). Ends at **5.25**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm This Gun for Hire (1942, b/w): Starring Alan Ladd (50094)
8.00 The Poseidon Adventure (1972). Classic disaster movie about a cruise ship which is overturned by a tidal wave. With Gene Hackman and Ernest Borgnine (62639)
10.00 Heart Beat (1980): Drama about Beat heroes Jack Kerouac and Neal Cassady. With Nick Nolte, Sissy Spacek and John Heard (307742). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Halliday Brand (1957): Western about a dictatorial cowboy. With Joseph Cotten and Viveca Lindfors (34837075)
7.40 1001 Arabian Nights: Magical animated fantasy (5723636)
9.00 Peter Pan: Cartoon version of J.M. Barrie's tale (25568)
10.00 You Must Be Joking! (1965): A mad psychologist, Lionel Jeffries, tries to create the perfect soldier. With Michael Callan and Denholm Elliott (13589013)
11.50 Dracula's Daughter (1936, b/w). Gothic horror with Edward Van Sloan and Gloria Holden (8940907)
1.05pm The New Adventures of Robin Hood: Animated children's tale (4069155)
2.05 The Pirates of Blood River (1962): Pirates search for treasure. With Christopher Lee and Andrew Keir (977742)
3.40 1001 Arabian Nights (as 7.40am) (9462704)
5.00 Peter Pan (as 9am) (6097)
6.00 Holiday on the Buses (1973): Spin-off from the television series starring Reg Varney as a truculent bus driver (17649)
7.30 Xposure: Film news (5933)
8.00 The Russia House (1990): Espionage thriller based on the novel by John Le Carré. Starring Sean Connery and Michelle Pfeiffer (30241520)
10.05 On the Streets of LA (1992): While in prison, a reformed murderer meets the son he walked out on 20 years before. With Louis Gossett Jr and Blair Underwood (821015)
11.40 Dragonfire (1990): An amnesiac begins to remember his military past. With Daniel J. Travanti (747891)
1.15am Wild Thing (1987). A doctor attempts to tame a young street boy. With Kathleen Quinlan (392037)
2.50 Columbo: No Time To Die (1991): Peter Falk stars the scruffy detective (8694969). Ends at **4.20**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (70471) **7.30** Motorsport: RS2000 Rally (66278) **8.00** Watersports World (38617) **9.00** Prime Bodies (70907) **9.30** The Big League (18471) **11.30** F1 Powerboat Championship: Italian Grand Prix (76520) **12.00** FA Premiership Football: Tottenham Hotspur v Everton (36549) **2.00pm** Superbikes (12810) **4.00** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (9162) **4.30** Windsurfing (5346) **5.00** Equestrian: Blenheim International (9297) **6.00** Soccer News (525636) **6.15** WWF Wrestling Challenge (753568) **7.00** Monday Night Football: Manchester City v Oldham (62294100) **10.15** Soccer News (554029) **10.30** Ringside Superbouts (99984) **11.30-2.30am** Dubai Classic Snooker (196146)

EUROSPORT

8.30am Step Aerobics (74723) **9.00** Golf: German Masters (24758) **11.00** Judo World Championship (80084) **12.00** Cycling: World Cup Paris-Tours (15568) **1.00pm** International Motorsport Report (91988) **2.00** The Pharaoh Rally (1278) **2.30** Tennis. WTA Ladies' Tournament (239988) **5.00** Eurofun Magazine (8758) **5.30** Motor Racing: Formula 3000 (93162) **6.30** Indycar: Monterey Grand Prix (70723) **7.30** Eurosport News (4471) **8.00** Judo World Championship (22907) **9.30** The Pharaoh Rally (16297) **10.00** Boxing (18094) **11.00** Eurogoals (54487) **12.00** Eurogolf Magazine (40582) **1.00-1.30am** Eurosport News (72291)

UK GOLD

7.00am GP (3698704) **7.30** Neighbours (3617839) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8956029) **8.30** EastEnders (8875100) **9.00** The Bill (8865452) **9.30** Nanny (5777636) **10.30** Rockcliffe's Babies (7636549) **11.30** Rhoda (3949520) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8853988) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5786742) **1.00** EastEnders (3697075) **1.30** The Bill (5785013) **2.00** Never Mind the Quality, Feel the Width (8928075) **2.30** Shelley (6615758) **3.00** Dallas (3950636) **4.00** Dynasty (3962471) **5.00** Blankety Blank (8942655) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (6513346) **6.00** Neighbours (6616487) **6.30** EastEnders (6534839) **7.00** Nanny (7590742) **8.00** Never Mind the Quality, Feel the Width (8948839) **8.30** Shelley (8927346) **9.00** Rockcliffe's Babies (7596926) **10.00** The Bill (8854617) **10.30** Naked Video (8863365) **11.00** Top of the Pops (8569617) **11.35** Dr Who (2392617) **12.05am** Film: Return of the Bad Men (1948, b/w): A marshal tames a female outlaw. With Randolph Scott and Anne Jeffreys (3117211) **1.40-2.00** Video Bites (44463650)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am RatKan II (51433) **7.00** Mr Bogus (3670758) **7.45** Pugwall's Summer (6614278) **8.30** Widget (29297) **9.00** Jack in the Box (42556) **11.00** Stories Without Words (22723) **11.30** Say Ahhh! including 3-2-1 Contact (23452) **12.00** Fame (53742) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (42592) **3.00** The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin (3519988) **3.25** RatKan II (6496162) **4.00** Stunt Dawgs (9988) **4.30-5.00** Betty's Bunch (1100)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Dawn Patrol (78013) **7.30** Guts (57520) **8.00** Kid's Court (88926) **8.30** Wild Side Show (87297) **9.00** We All Have Tales (78549) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (98891) **10.00** Janosch's Dream (47655) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (67433) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (73433) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (46907) **12.30pm** We All Have Tales (65487) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (77384) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (55536) **2.00** Janosch's Dream (7452) **2.30** Nick Jr Story Times (6452) **3.00** Cartoon Kablooey (9487) **3.30** Out of Control (8297) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (7704) **4.30** Hey Dude (3988) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (8704) **5.30** Welcome Freshmen (7568) **6.00** Guts (7181) **6.30-7.00** Get the Picture (8433)

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4.00pm Earthfile (6524452) **4.30** The Amateur Naturalist (6520636) **5.00** Those Who Dare (8940297) **5.30** Skybound (6511988) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (3008033) **6.50** Extra Dimensions (8101891) **7.00** Get Wet (8920433) **7.30** The Extremists (6521365) **8.00** Discovery Wildside (7574704) **9.00** Terra X (3966297) **9.30** Pacifica Tales from the South Seas (5764520) **10.00** Search for Adventure (7597655) **11.00-12.00** Nature by Profession (3605094)

BRAVO

12.00 Film: A Home of Your Own (1965, b/w): Comedy short with Ronnie Barker (5527443) **12.50pm** Film: Mr Skeffington (1944, b/w): A society girl marries a stockbroker for his money. With Bette Davis and Claude Rains (75100655) **3.00** Bonanza (3945704) **4.00** The Flying Nun (6528278) **4.30** My Three Sons (6517162) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (8937723) **5.30** Honey West (6531742) **6.00** I Spy (5869029) **7.00** Cannon (22957966) **8.45** Film: Pendulum (1969): A murderer and rapist is released from jail With George Peppard (22445487) **10.30** A House of Your Own (as 12.00) (1858810) **11.15** Robert Benchley (3951839) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (3613764)

UK LIVING

7.00am Jayne and Friends (2219100) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (8405487) **8.30** Living Daylights (8404758) **9.00** Divorce Court (8315810) **9.30** Hot Topics (5854162) **10.00** Health UK (3174549) **10.30** Living Extra (8311094) **11.00** On the House (1174075) **11.30** Delia Smith's Cookery Course (1175704) **12.00** Practical Living (35341384) **12.15pm** Kilroy (7369891) **1.00** Crosswits (6961568) **1.30** Infatuation (5854549) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (3175278) **3.00** Agony Hour (1179520) **4.00** Crosswits (7815029) **4.30** Infatuation (7731013) **5.00** Highlights of Jayne and Friends (9785549) **6.00** What's Up, Dr Ruth (7729278) **6.30** Masterchef (7816758) **7.00** Agony Hour (3520988) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (3539636) **9.00** Film: Closet Land (1991): A children's writer is abducted. With Madeleine Stowe and Alan Rickman (70317384) **10.40** Fame, Fortune and Romance (3342384) **11.00** Divorce Court (1199384) **11.30** The All New Dr Ruth Show (3153433) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our lives (2273308)

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Fleming the key to new bid for Invergordon Distillers

BY MELVYN MARCKUS
CITY EDITOR

A FLURRY of speculative trading activity is expected in the shares of Invergordon Distillers today as expectations mount that Whyte & Mackay, the UK drinks offshoot of American Brands, will shortly make a play to acquire full control of Scotland's largest independent Scotch producer.

Speculation over the prospect of an imminent bid — first highlighted in *The Times* on Saturday — gathered momentum over the weekend. Whyte & Mackay, advised by Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank, already holds a 41 per cent stake in Invergordon — the legacy of 1991's £350 million abortive takeover bid — and interest is focusing on the key 13.6 per cent stake held by Robert Fleming, the investment house, which enjoys the distinction of being Invergordon's financial adviser and its largest shareholder.

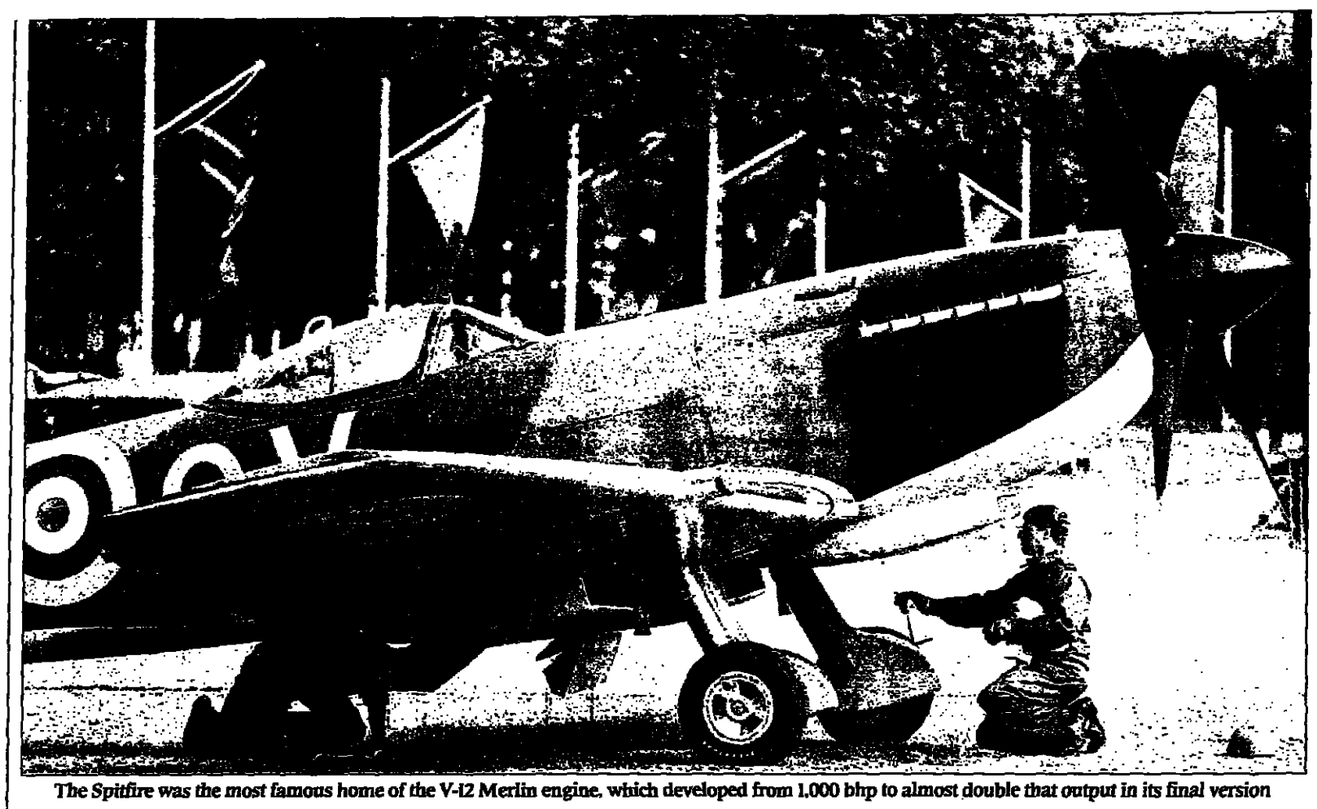
Whyte & Mackay, via Kleinwort Benson, is understood to have sounded out City institutions, including Robert Fleming's fund management arm. Other major shareholders include the Norwich Union, with a 6 per cent stake, the Pru (3.9 per cent) and Legal and General (3 per cent).

Invergordon shares have significantly under-performed in the wake of 1993's 23 per cent mid-year pre-tax profits setback to £11.3 million and, with the quote apparently languishing at 266p, it is perceived unlikely Whyte & Mackay will be prepared to usefully raise its previous 275p terms.

Under takeover panel rules, Whyte & Mackay has been free to launch another bid for Invergordon, famed for its "own label" blends and brands such as "Isle of Jura", since last autumn.

A negotiated deal for all, or part, of Robert Fleming's 13.6 per cent block would signal that Whyte & Mackay's long-running battle for control of Invergordon was effectively a fait accompli and would inevitably trigger a similar offer to all shareholders.

Last time, Robert Fleming, with strong Scottish connections, played a crucial role in fending off Whyte & Mackay. Other Scottish institutions, with notably few exceptions, proved less supportive.



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MARTIN WYNESS



Hedley Griffiths with a rebuilt Merlin aviation engine

Peace dividend clips the wings of Merlin wizard

The last British rebuild of the legendary Rolls-Royce Merlin aircraft engine is about to leave the workshops of Aviation Jersey, destined for a privately-owned Dutch Spitfire (Derek Harris writes).

The 40-year-old business is being run down, its specialist staff of 22 down to three, a victim partly of recession, which has squeezed the private operation of vintage aircraft, said Hedley Griffiths, technical director. Defence cuts, putting excess equipment on the market, have also hurt, because Aviation Jersey had developed a separate specialty in rebuilding power plants for armoured vehicles.

The only Merlin rebuilders will now be in America, said Mr Griffiths. Jamie, his son, has been undergoing an engineering apprenticeship working on Merlins but must now complete it elsewhere.

Eggar backs plans for gas from mines

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE industry department is planning a drive to tap huge reserves of gas trapped in coal seams as closures accelerate among Britain's deep coal mines.

Encouraged by Britain's burgeoning band of independent gas suppliers, most of which are backed by international oil companies or electricity utilities, Tim Eggar, the energy minister, has issued licences to explore for coal bed methane and told department officials to make estimates of available reserves.

Gas industry experts say there could be enough gas available in onshore coal seams to meet Britain's needs for 20 years, against 25 years' supply located in the North Sea.

Exploration is already under way. Kinetica, Britain's biggest independent gas company, will start drilling near Stoke-on-Trent next year, and is examining the possibility of gas storage in disused mines.

The department's interest in onshore gas reserves coincides with heightened lobbying by the independent gas suppliers for an early end to the monopoly over domestic sales enjoyed by British Gas.

A group of 12 independents will today unveil the findings of an ICM poll, undertaken in May, which claims consumers overwhelmingly back liberalisation. According to the poll of 760 adults, 83 per cent of Britons believe competition would lead to lower prices and 78 per cent says service standards would improve.

The findings come amid growing signs that the industry department is in a quandry over the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on the gas industry, which recommended that British Gas hive off its gas sales arm, but proposed a nine-year timetable for the phased extension of competition. Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, still convalescing after his heart attack, is only beginning a gradual return to work. Last week, he agreed the appointment of NatWest Markets, independent advisor, "to assist the initial consideration" of the MMC report.

Independent gas suppliers, which are already making rapid inroads into industrial and commercial markets, are pushing for full competition to supply households from 1996. They promise price cuts of 10 per cent, but say they need three years to gear up for a larger market. Tapping coal bed methane could provide access to cheap onshore gas and strengthen the hand of independents when bargaining to buy bigger volumes offshore.

But leading American mining experts question the plans, saying that in the US, where coal bed methane accounts for more than 2 per cent of gas production and 17 per cent of reserves, gas is tapped in association with coal mining. Although production sites would be small, some might require settlement ponds to purify water containing high levels of iron and other minerals which come to the surface with the gas. Licences to discharge the cleaned water into rivers would be required from the National Rivers Authority.

Advocates say onshore methane production will provide Britain with a new industry, creating demand for piping, monitoring equipment and electrical services. Reserves can stay in steady production for 15 or 20 years.

Jim Walter Resources, the US mining group that has joined the Union of Democratic Mineworkers to develop a consortium bid for British Coal assets, is America's biggest coal bed methane producer. If successful in acquiring UK reserves, Walter will seek to bolster UK coal mining profits with methane production.

Air France alliance denied by Alitalia

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

ALITALIA, Italy's loss-making national airline, has confirmed that documents published in the Italian press concerning a possible alliance with Air France, came from the Alitalia planning office.

The notes on the alliance scenario, which Alitalia said were stolen, were linked by *Il Sole 24 Ore*, Italy's leading financial newspaper, with a meeting in Rome on Friday between Bernard Attali, the Air France president, and Giovanni Bisignani, head of Alitalia.

In a statement, Alitalia yesterday denied that it was considering an alliance with Air France, stressing that neither Alitalia senior management, nor the state holding company that owns 86.4 per cent of its shares, had examined such a possibility. The stolen documents dealt with just one of many scenarios, Alitalia said.

An Alitalia official in London said that the report was "just speculation". The meeting between M Attali and Signor Bisignani was described as a "routine" discussion.

Alitalia last week reported a 214 billion lire (£83.75 million) net loss for the first half of this year. Air France incurred a record loss of Fr3.8 billion in the first half.

Both airlines are under government pressure to privatise as soon as possible. Alitalia has a stake in Malev, the Hungarian national airline, while Air France has formed a stake in the Czech state airline.

As the rush into air alliances continues, Lufthansa, the German national carrier, will today sign a co-operation agreement in Frankfurt with United Airlines, the American airline.

Jürgen Weber, the chairman of Lufthansa, will also outline his airline's new North Atlantic strategy, designed to counter its main rivals, such as British Airways.

US health reforms prompt $5.6bn link

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

AN AMERICAN hospital chain with a turnover of $10 billion was created last night by the merger of the two biggest companies in the $325 billion industry. The deal is expected to be among the first of a wave designed to cut costs in the face of President Clinton's healthcare reforms.

The $5.6 billion all-share deal combines Columbia Healthcare with HCA-Hospital Corporation of America, whose chairman, Thomas Frist, will head the new Columbia/HCA Healthcare.

Columbia owns the Wellington Hospital in London, which has a separate day surgery in Harley Street.

The two companies estimate that they can save about $130 million a year and $75 million by next year. Cuts will focus on the annual $1.7 billion spent on supplies, but it is unclear whether jobs will go.

Together, the companies will employ 125,000 in 190 hospitals, with more than 42,000 licensed beds in 26 states, the UK and Switzerland. The $10 billion in annual turnover gives them about 3 per cent of the total market.

Richard Scott, Columbia's chairman and chief executive, said: "Nobody is succeeding unless they are reducing costs. We will do it by eliminating duplication in hospital administration and other costs that do not affect patient care.

"Most of the savings will in in purchasing. We are not expecting jobs cuts because we are going dramatically to grow the business. I think over the next five years you are going to see a significant industry consolidation. We are going to keep the Wellington ... and I think we will see, over the next ten years, a dramatic expansion overseas."

Columbia's deal with HCA comes only weeks after it completed a merger with another hospital chain. The speed of the deals underlines the urgency with which the US healthcare industry is trying to reorganise before the final details of President Clinton's plan are voted on by Congress. Precise legislation is expected to be sent to Congress soon.

Under the terms of the merger, HCA shareholders will get 1.05 Columbia shares, which will be valued at $31.7, based on Friday's closing prices.

Jaguar joins Inchcape to sell cars in China

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

JAGUAR is to sell cars in China. The company has targeted the Far East as the fastest growing market for its luxurious limousines and sports models and will announce today that it has signed a distribution agreement with Inchcape, the international group with interests in 80 countries.

Nick Scheele, Jaguar's chairman, was in Hong Kong this weekend, finalising the deal, which will put the famous British-made Big Cats on sale throughout China before the end of the year. The company expects to sell 40 cars this year, but as many as three times that figure in 1994. Jaguar follows Rolls-Royce as an unlikely exporter to China.

Mr Scheele said from Hong Kong: "As with any development market, we will be growing from modest beginnings, but we see tremendous long-term potential for Jaguar in China. We expect to sell 40 cars this year, rising to over 100 next year."

Inchcape will open showrooms in Peking, Shanghai and the development province of Guangzhou, near the Hong Kong border, offering full service back-up to new Jaguar owners.

Inchcape is optimistic that China will be as big an opportunity for new Jaguar sales as Eastern Europe. Ian Skeggs, Inchcape's Pacific region director, said: "China represents an enormous opportunity for Jaguar. The country is developing into a major world economic power and its bold economic reform programme has brought increasing wealth to many parts of the country.

"While the Chinese government will have to apply the brakes from time to time, as we are seeing at the moment, these short-term corrections should not impact on China's longer-term economic development, nor its potential as a market for prestige cars."

The move into China is yet another optimistic signal that Jaguar is recovering from the dreadful years of recession.

After being the jewel in the crown of the government's privatisation programme, the company was bought for £1.6 billion by Ford. The sale coincided with the worst recession since the war both in America and the UK — Jaguar's two biggest markets. The result was a 40 per cent drop in sales and financial losses that have totalled more than £540 million over the past four years. Sales, which flopped to 8,600 in America last year, should revive to about 13,000 this year. The company has also been gaining ground against the recessionary trend in Europe. Adding the prospect of new growth in the Pacific region could put Jaguar back on the road to profits over the next two years.

☐ A British Aerospace spokesman last night poured cold water on suggestions that BAe had offered to build a car engine plant in Taiwan. Reports from Taiwan said the offer was part of BAe's bid to complete its long-heralded joint venture with Taiwan Aerospace to produce regional jets. But Ian Woodward, BAe's chief spokesman, said he knew of no such offer. Talks about technology transfer, which are holding up completion, continue, he said.

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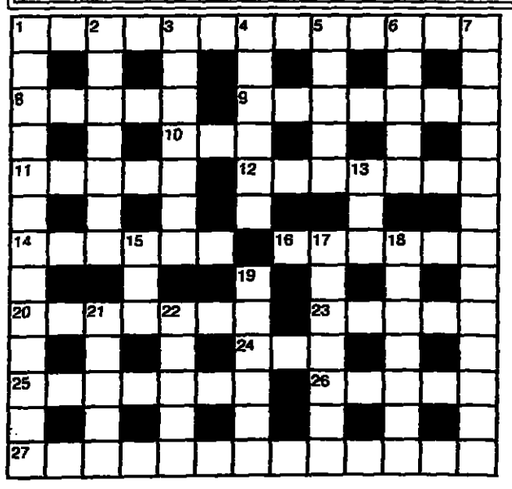
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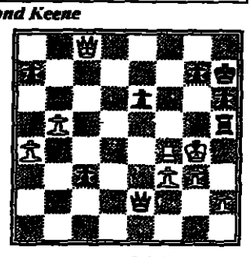
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



This position is from the game Bogolyubov - Alekhine, World Championship 1929. Black has driven the white king into the open and can now terminate matters quickly. What is his most accurate continuation?

Part five of the history of the world championship in next Saturday's Magazine will show Botvinnik in action.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ABBATIAL
a. An ankle bone
b. Pertaining to an abbatis
c. To do with an abbot

BACALAO
a. The cod-fish
b. A Portuguese card game
c. A stately dance

TAPPEN
a. A bear's hibernation plug
b. A sponger or parasite
c. A subsidiary root

TWATTLE
a. A basket-maker
b. Rubbish
c. A pygmy or dwarf

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